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Picture ADY KERRY



KILLED: Louise Evans (left) was murdered by Keith Prest

■ BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

'MONSTER' Keith Prest has been caged for life for the murder of popular English teacher Louise Evans.

A jury found him guilty of a terrifying campaign of hate directed at the mother-of-two, culminating in an horrific blood bath.

Miss Evans, 48, from Hothfield, was stabbed to death on September 12 last year by her former partner after she finished a shift teaching inmates at East Sutton Park open prison, near Maidstone.

Jobless drifter Prest, who refused to accept the end of their 18-month relationship, had laid in wait for his ex-lover before pouncing and stabbing her 43 times in a savage attack in the prison's car park.

At the time of the attack Prest, 48, had been on bail charged with assaulting Miss Evans – and had continued to stalk her by leaving letters taped to her car and posting notes through her letterbox, despite a court ban on contacting her.

Speaking outside Maidstone Crown Court

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LISA TO START 10K RUN

She's inspired a whole new generation of athletes and on Sunday our very own Olympic hero Lisa Dobriskey will inspire hundreds of runners taking part in the Givaudan 10k road race.

The runner, who reached the final of the 1,500m in Beijing last month, will be at the Julie Rose Stadium when the race gets under way at 10am. A regular fixture since 1986, motorists are being warned of disruption as roads are closed around the town to allow the race to take place.

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PLANS: Pluckley's parish council have designated the village a 'third tier' development area

Villagers' fury amid fears of housing boom

■ BY ED HILL

RESIDENTS in Pluckley are up in arms after discovering their village has been shortlisted for development without, they say, suitable consultation.

The parish council has changed the designation of the picturesque hamlet – famous for being the setting of the TV version of HE Bates' classic Darling Buds of May – which means it could potentially share the burden of 170 new homes with a number of other rural villages around Ashford.

And that has been branded far from 'perfick' by furious locals who say they were not properly consulted about the decision which could give the green light to developers.

The parish council opted to include the village as what is known as a 'third tier' development area as part of Ashford council's core strategy; but many villagers say they knew nothing about the change.

Other villages on the list to potentially accommodate up to 170 'units' include Aldington, Betherden, Biddenden, Challock, Chilham, Rovenden and Woodchurch.

The so-called 'settlement hierarchy' rates rural areas for future development based on the existing size and facilities that they have. For example, Tenterden is in the first tier and therefore ripe for future development.

Other villages are not on the list because they are not seen as having the potential to support substantial growth such as Hothfield and High Halden.

Jane Carter Lilley has helped form an action group. She said: 'Pluckley has already agreed to have local needs housing, but these would be different developments.'

Now a public meeting will take place tomorrow at the village hall to discuss the situation.

Ms Carter Lilley said: 'We want to work with the parish council to rectify this. We need to know clearly what we want in the future so we can find a way forward.'

It is thought proposed new homes could be large three and four-bedroom houses which locals say would not fit their needs.

One villager, who did not wish to be named, said: 'I have yet to meet a villager, who is not a councillor, who is in favour of the development.'

'It's not clear what the rationale was for us being in this position and the whole thing seems quite a muddle. It seems unlikely that the village can change its status. It is now a question of damage limitation.'

The parish council refused to comment, but said it may make a statement after Thursday's meeting.

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'She saw controlling, violent side' of Prest

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE
Miss Evans' two grown-up daughters branded Prest a 'monster'.

The pair said in a statement: 'Obviously our mother's death has been a devastating and painful experience. However, we can begin to look forward knowing that justice has been done and that this monster cannot hurt anyone else.'

Judge Michael Lawson described how Prest mounted a campaign of fear after the couple – who met through a text message dating service – split.

He said Prest, unable to accept the relationship breakdown, would regularly sneak into the teacher's driveway and leave notes on her car.

And that he violently 'throttled' her just three months before murdering her – an attack for which he was released on police bail.

The judge said: 'He mounted a campaign of fear, intimidation and emotional blackmail that so destroyed her life. Initially she saw a kind person, but before very long she saw the controlling, aggressive, threatening and violent side.'

'Over 18 months you managed to subdue her into thinking it was her fault when she did things that made you angry.'

Cowardly

He described how on June 13, 2007, Prest strangled the well-liked teacher – who was described as a 'loving mother' and an 'affectionate' and 'generous' person.

He said: 'You throttled her into semi-consciousness. On that occasion you had the courage to report the matter to police.'

But he added while on bail for the offence Prest started to constantly phone his ex-partner in breach of his bail conditions – with threats to kill her and himself. Prest blamed the breakdown of their short relationship on Miss Evans.

The judge said: 'You wanted to punish her, but in reality you were trying to exploit her courage and kind nature. She even had to get someone to open her gates at home to let her in and out.'

The court heard how after the murder cowardly Prest attempted an overdose and admitted himself to hospital – to kid police into thinking he was distraught at her death.

But cops later found a pair of bloodied trainers dumped in a recycling bin. Forensic officers matched DNA to both Prest and the murdered 48-year-old. He was then arrested.

Prest – who denied murder, but was convicted by a jury following a month-long trial – was told he will serve a minimum of 18 years before he is considered for release.

Miss Evans' devastated daughter Laura Whatman, a 25-year-old mother of two, said outside court: 'Life should mean life. This despicable man deserves everything that comes to him.'





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Stallholders coming round to new pitch

Council hailing new venue for market a hit

■ BY ED HILL

THE controversial decision to move the town's popular market has been hailed a success by council chiefs – despite claims by some traders it has been a flop.

But councillor Michael Claughton, the portfolio holder responsible for the market, acknowledged there were problems and challenges to be faced, but called on a more positive approach from some stallholders.

And he said it was just a vocal minority who were claiming the move earlier this year into the Lower High Street had proved a mistake.

Speaking to Yourashford this week, Mr Claughton hit back at the critics.

He said: "I get a very different picture from that which has been reported. I have talked to as many of the traders as I could and watched how the trade has been going."

"It now feels like a real market and has lost its fragmentation. At least it is now under one umbrella."

"I know the shops are pleased about the move



SELLING POINT: Ashford council's decision to move the town market to Lower High Street met with some resistance

because of the increased people in the area."

Mr Claughton said he spoke to more than a dozen traders and only found two that were strongly against the change.

Communication

He said: "One of those was opposed to it before the move. I watched that particular stall over a period of half an hour on a Saturday and it was thriving. I think that people are just resistant to change and would have been against it anyway."

There have been complaints about the lack of an electricity supply and signs in the new location.

Mr Claughton said: "We realise we do need

better communication and marketing. At the moment the signing is not good and other things do need to be addressed including possibly having a market manager.

"There is a challenge here, but if we keep on spreading doom and gloom we might as well pack up anyway. I am not saying that everything is rosy, but there is not a blanket feeling of pessimism. When the market was in Elwick Road, which was not the easiest place to get to, the market was alive and vibrant.

"I would like to think we can replicate that feeling in the Lower High Street. I hope the council and all the stallholders can work together."

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Police warn of increase in car crime

A BIG surge in car crime has prompted police to target a crackdown.

The Willesborough and Stour areas of the town have seen thefts from cars rocket by 30 per cent last month – despite that figure still being 24 per cent down since 2000.

They urge drivers to be more security conscious by removing valuable items and being careful not to leave signs of sat navs in the car such as cradles left on the windscreen and suction pad marks.

Reduction

Police will carry out directed patrols in the area and neighbourhood officers and PCSOs will be distributing advice and information to motorists.

Detective Inspector Kenny Ingram said: "The chance of becoming a victim of crime is low.

"However, we really do need the public's help to keep the area safe by following the crime reduction advice we have issued."

"You wouldn't leave large amounts of cash on your dash board, so please don't leave expensive items, most of which are easy to remove."

Folk festival hailed a success despite the poor weather

■ BY NICK AMES

ORGANISERS of this year's Tenterden Folk Festival have declared the three-day event a success – despite miserable weather conditions which threatened to turn it into a wash-out.

The popular event attracted performers and fans of traditional music and dance to venues around the town from Friday to Sunday.

On a windy Saturday, audiences were given the spectacle of traditional dancers and musicians performing on the streets, while special performances at stations on the Kent and East Sussex Railway added to the atmosphere.

Reduction

On Sunday, the wet weather affected many of the outside events that had been planned, but concerts continued at the White Lion Hotel, Vine Inn and Woolpack pub.

Alan Castle, from the festival's organising team, said: "We were very happy with how things went

despite the bad weather.

"Saturday was absolutely brilliant, we had the performers' procession and everything went off as planned. "Sunday, unfortunately, was a bit of a washout, but all the inside events went ahead and were well supported. All the costs have been covered so we are happy about that."

This year saw a range of performers from traditional folk musicians like Derek Gifford, who has a long history in folk music and also performs traditional maritime songs, to modern singer-songwriters such as Andy Smythe and Tony Carling, who sings about the characters he met growing up in South London and working in the building trade.

There were also performances from acts making waves on the folk scene, including the Askew Sisters and four-piece band Mawkin.

10k road race's Olympic starter

MORE than 1,000 runners will pound the streets of Ashford on Sunday as the traditional 10k road race brings traffic to a halt.

And home-grown athletic star and Commonwealth champion Lisa Dobriskey – fresh from her heroics in reaching the final of the 1,500m in Beijing – will be the special guest to start the Givaudan 10k.

The main runners get under way at 10am while a children's fun run starts at 11.30am. Both start from the Julie Rose Stadium. The route then makes its way down Willesborough Road towards Kennington. It then cuts down The Street before emerging in Faversham Road.

Runners then head towards the town centre on the Canterbury Road, skirting the ring road as they travel down Mace Lane and onto Hythe Road into Willesborough. Roads will be shut to allow the runners clear progress.

It then crosses back over the M20 and back down Willesborough Road to the sports stadium.

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Benenden Hospital opens door to nurses' president

PRESIDENT of the Royal College of Nursing has received a guided tour of Benenden Hospital.

Maura Buchanan was shown around the facilities including a look at the paediatric wards as well as the theatres and state-of-the-art imaging department.

Ms Buchanan addressed more than 50 staff and stressed the importance of the nursing profession and its role in public service.

She also praised the history of Benenden, which recently celebrated its 100th birthday.

Giant haystack fire took 10 hours to extinguish

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a blaze involving a massive haystack last Wednesday.

The inferno started on a farm just off the Ashford Road in Charing. Crews were called to the fire around 3pm.

They helped the farmer to pull the large stack apart to help tackle the fire and returned to the scene every four hours as it burnt itself out.

The fire was finally extinguished just after 1am the following morning.

Ruling on planned care home is decided tonight

TOWN planning chiefs will rule tonight on plans to build a 54-bed residential care home in High Halden.

But the planning officer has recommended the committee refuse the application as it does not fit into the council's development plan. Proposals would see a four-storey building constructed to the rear of Halden House and include 18 parking spaces for staff and visitors.

Ashford council planning committee will meet at the Civic Centre to make a decision.

Stars raised £70,000 to aid conservation projects

STARS from entertainment, sport and business helped raise more than £70,000 at a glittering fundraising ball at Port Lympne.

The second Rainforest Fundraising Ball, was hosted by Lady Sarah Aspinall to raise funds for the gorillas in the wild and other associated conservation projects.

Among the 400 attending the event staged by the Aspinall Foundation was Vic Reeves and wife Nancy Sorrell, former Kent and England cricket captain Chris Cowdrey and businessman Stuart Wheeler.

Police delighted by campaign's success

■ BY ED HILL

A SUMMER crackdown on anti-social behaviour has delivered a dramatic drop in crime figures throughout the borough, police say.

The Safer Summer campaign saw officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) increase patrols in traditional crime hotspots and provide a high-profile presence to deter would-be wrongdoers.

Schools in Ashford and Tenterden were particularly identified during the long summer holidays as areas which act as honeypots to vandals and troublemakers.

And the force says there was a 25 per cent drop in crime throughout the area and a 38 per cent drop in anti-social behaviour calls.

All schools were patrolled at regular intervals to deter youths from congregating in the grounds and prevent damage to the buildings during the summer recess. More than 130 visits were made to schools in the area.

They also spent time advising caretakers about site security. This resulted in no reports of damage or anti-social behaviour in or around school premises.

Neighbourhood patrols specifically responded to reports of burglaries to business premises or outbuildings although burglaries to people's homes were treated separately. They also targeted vehicle crime and anti-social behaviour calls.

The Hawkeye overt surveillance van was also sent to areas such as the Stour Centre, Singleton Lake and car park, Mill Court and other areas in the town.



Picture: KMP

CRACKDOWN: The police's Safer Summer campaign targeted traditional crime hotspots and anti-social behaviour

Eureka Business Park and Victoria Park were also regularly patrolled.

The Stour ward including the skate park, Memorial Gardens and surrounding streets was patrolled by PCSOs working with town beat officers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in an effort to target under-age drinking and limit anti-social behaviour.

This resulted in 22 alcohol confiscations, two warnings for cannabis and a total of 215 youths spoken to, including so-called 'boy racers' in Elwick Road car park.

Police say they were pleased with the results despite a number of officers being seconded from the South Kent area to help police the Climate Camp protests at Hoo in Medway.

Insp Andrew Judd said: "The neighbourhood team is delighted with the results achieved during Safer Summer.

"It is an ongoing initiative to ensure that a visible presence is maintained in areas of high reporting of anti-social behaviour. It will continue in the whole district, focusing on areas where anti-social behaviour is reported."

Tunnel services may be delayed until spring



HALTED: The fire in the Channel Tunnel in September has caused delays

EUROSTAR says it has been forced to delay the return of direct services to Brussels from Ashford due to the fire in the Channel Tunnel.

The company had intended to reintroduce the service on December 14 to coincide with the change to the winter timetable, but it has been put on hold until both tunnels under the Channel are operating at full capacity.

Which means it may not be until spring next year when the service once again departs Ashford International. A Eurostar spokesman said: "It

remains Eurostar's firm intention to introduce a direct service once the full capacity of the Channel Tunnel is restored.

"Kent continues to have a good level of connections with the Continent."

"The slight reduction in services calling in Kent is the result of an equivalent reduction in overall services between London, Paris and Brussels."

An investigation is continuing into the causes of the fire which forced the closure of one of the two tunnels after a blaze broke out on September 11.

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YARD SALE: Heather Passmore's father Dick Offen (third left) began visiting the cattle market at the age of 13

Memories of a life at the market site

IT once provided the town centre with a weekly hub – an opportunity for the rural community to gather in the heart of Ashford and chew the cud.

But ten years ago, as the Channel Tunnel rail link came to town, the popular cattle market in Elwick Road moved on to pastures new, bringing to an end more than 140 years at the site.

And while it moved to Sevington, the memories of the Elwick Road site have stayed long in the memory of townfolk.

It was this which prompted local artist Cathy Streeter to embark on a project to compile memories about the market which provoked one reader to let us know of her father's association with the market.

Connection

From the age of 13, Dick Offen, a farmer from Biddenden, visited the market every week up until his death, at the age of 80, last February.

His daughter Heather Passmore told Yourashford: "He began going even when he was at school. If he wasn't in class then the teachers would know that he had gone to the market."

Mr Offen farmed livestock and traded in

■ BY ED HILL

animals. He would bring cows, sheep, pigs and horses to the old site.

Mrs Passmore said: "He saw tremendous changes over the years. When he first started there was a lot of connection with the railways that ran to the market.

"He was a bit of a trickster; he used to do things like dropping dried peas down the back of people's wellies when they were standing round the ring.

"Farmers do lead fairly solitary lives so market day was a chance for them to all get together and find things out and catch up.

"It still is today, but everyone has to rush around much more."

Mrs Passmore still lives and works on the family farm on Fosten Lane.

She said: "Not much has changed. We have carried on farming with my husband and my son although they have other jobs as well."

"Everyone was sad when the market moved out of the town. Of course, it could never have coped with the amount of animals that it deals with today. But the atmosphere was incredible."

"I think the art project is a brilliant idea. It is important that the town remembers its past. The market was what it was built on."

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Moo-ving tale that spans the centuries

RECORDS reveal markets have been staged in Ashford for more than 700 years – dating back to 1243 under King Henry III.

But it was not until the 1780s that Kent farmers started gathering regularly to trade livestock, with the Lower High Street playing host.

By 1856 the scale was such a deal was struck to move to Elwick Road. There it stayed until 1998 when the arrival of the Channel Tunnel forced it to relocate to the Orbital Park.

Find out more about the art project on www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Search 'cows'.

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Group would like to show you that they're a game lot

FORGET video games – the board game revival is on.

Spearheaded by Willesborough couple John and Karen Sweeney, a new club has been created in a bid to remind people of the joys of the likes of Monopoly, Scrabble and Trivial Pursuit.

The Ashford Board Games Group is open to anyone over the age of 16, with free sessions taking place at the Rose Inn on Faversham Road in Kennington as of later this month.

Mr Sweeney explained: "We will be playing card, tile and board games of every kind. People of every level are welcome."

"Bring your favourite game or come and learn something new. For example, the game of the year is called Keltis."

"If you have never heard of it then this is a chance to find out what you've been missing."

"These exciting new games are great fun and a superb way to meet new people."

Judge for yourself. The group will meet on alternate Sunday evenings at the Rose Inn starting from October 19 between 7-11pm.

Petition created to fight proposed recycling plant

VILLAGEERS in the Sellindge area say they need continued support to fight the proposed recycling plant on the Otterpool Quarry site off the A20.

A petition has been created for people to sign urging county council planners to reject the scheme. Earlier this year more than 500 people marched against the plant which is proposed by recycling firm CountryStyle Ltd.

Margaret Ludlow from the Sellindge and District Resident Association said: "We are still fighting and now have a petition going round all the houses."

Stanhope regeneration is now at the halfway stage

THE multi-million regeneration of the Stanhope estate has reached the halfway stage.

Two years since the work began and so far 162 families are living in refurbished homes as part of a huge overhaul of the estate.

New facilities will include a legacy building, incorporating the library and neighbourhood office, which will help create a safe and secure environment for the community.

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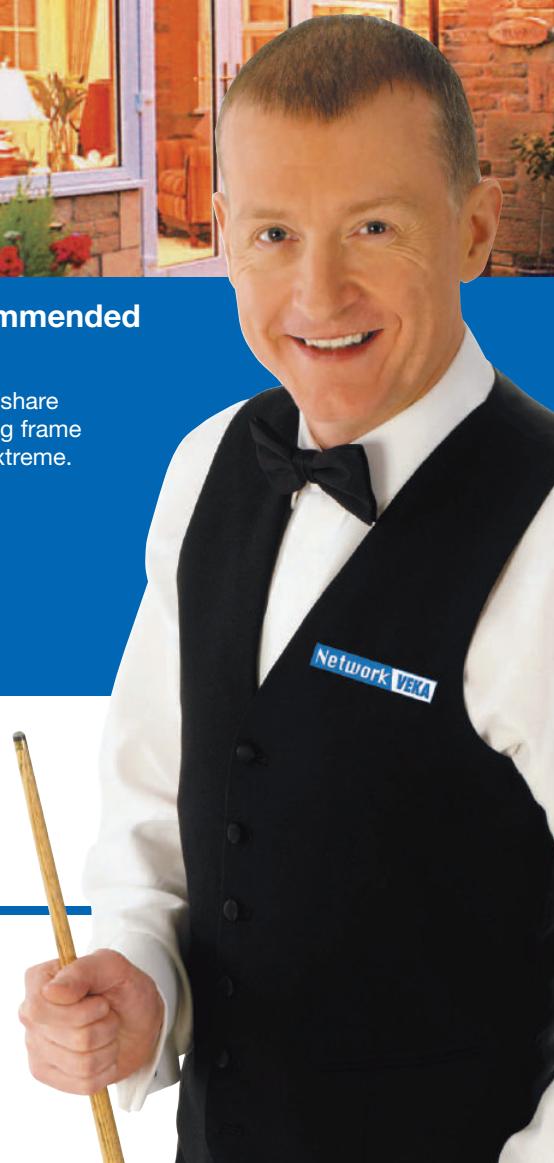
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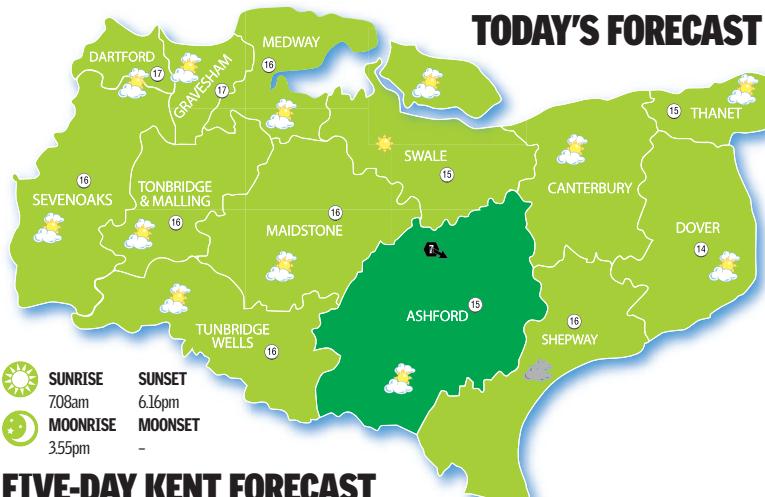
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| Dungeness | Saturday | 6:52am | 5.7m |
| | Sunday | 8:14am | 5.9m |
| Ramsgate | Saturday | 7:36am | 3.8m |
| | Sunday | 8:57am | 4.0m |
| Sheerness | Saturday | 7:45am | 4.4m |
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New chief starts at health trust

NICHOLAS Wells has been confirmed as the new chairman of the East Kent Hospitals Trust.

Mr Jenkins was seconded to the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust in the wake of the Healthcare Commission's damning report into an outbreak of superbug Clostridium difficile in Maidstone.

Health secretary Alan Johnson confirmed Mr Wells' appointment on Thursday. The trust runs the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in Margate, the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Buckland Hospital in Dover and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Folkestone.

Mr Wells joined the trust, which is one of the largest in the country, in 2001 and became vice chairman the following year. With more than 30 years experience working in commercial, public and academic settings the health economist has strong analytical skills and extensive knowledge of health issues and healthcare provision.

Gene pool examined

A GENETIC survey looking into the background of the United Kingdom managed to collect 12 valuable samples from the borough.

The People of the British Isles survey is being conducted by the Department of Clinical Pharmacology at Oxford University.

The group asked for samples from people whose grandparents were born in the same rural parish or within a 40 mile radius of each other.

Tammy Day, from the group, said: "We held the event at the Willesborough windmill and collected 12 blood samples from volunteers who fitted our stringent criteria."

Another meeting is being held in Canterbury on October 10 at the Red Cross Hall from noon until 10pm.

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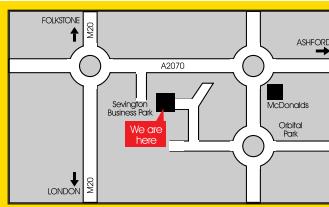
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JULIEN LAWTON



Q & A

Detective Inspector Julien Lawton is head of the volume crime team at Ashford police station. He explains to **Ed Hill** about the job and changing face of the town.

Q You started your career in Ashford 15 years ago what were your impressions of the town?

A I thought it was fantastic. I thought the town centre was very nice and you have the rural areas that are lovely and I found the people very friendly.

Q What do you think of the changes that have happened to the town since you were last here?

A There are a lot more people to deal with than when I was first here, what with the expansion of housing that has happened.

That brings in different challenges with different people and cultures but those are challenges that we have to take on board.

Q Ashford is a Gateway to Europe; what is your relationship with the continent?

A My family and I go to Europe as much as we can. I have a young family and we recently went to Paris on the Eurostar.

I took my wife on one of our first holidays to Europe on the train.

I joked with her that we were going to somewhere beginning with B. It wasn't until we got to Ashford that she knew we were going to Bruges and not Birmingham.

Q What first got you interested in becoming a police officer?

A It comes down to having the desire to help people. I didn't like the bad people and bullies at school. I could see the negative effect that has on people and I wanted

to make a difference. I don't want to live in a society where bad people can be seen to get away with things.

That really annoys me; that was what drove me to being a policeman.

Q What do you think of the police's public perception?

A I say to my officers that we are not just people in suits who are separate from society. When we go home we live in the same communities in which we police and we all have families.

We are part of that community ourselves. We are all working together. When people see a uniformed policeman that is just one part of it, we want to work with lots of other people as well such as the council and Neighbourhood Watch.

All these things can be linked together and we need to use that for enforcement. Creating a safer society is not just about the criminal justice system.

Q What do you think about violent crime?

A There is no doubt that if you are a victim of a violent crime it can take you a long time to get over something like that.

I have been a victim of violent crime myself so I know what it can feel like to be on the receiving end. But I think it is important to keep things in perspective.

Our crime figures will go up on a Friday

night because of chucking out. I don't want that problem to be something my children are going to have to deal with.

You could say that as a society we seem to be getting more violent and we need some way for society as a whole to change. However, it may just be that it is easier for people to report a crime and for us to detect it.

For example, at the moment we are really encouraging people suffering from domestic violence to come forward because we really want to help these people.

We also want to put a stop to that sort of behaviour being passed down the generations.

Q Do you have any other hobbies?

A I spend most of my spare time with my family. I do run for Kent Police. I also use the gym. I have done a few 10k runs.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes that inspired you into becoming a police officer?

A I use to avidly watch The Professionals when I was a kid. I wanted to be Bodie rather than Doyle. More seriously I think I got my sense of justice from my parents.

Pop stars and football players were not really my role models. For me it is people who I feel have really achieved something like Winston Churchill or Randolph Fiennes.

I admire people who are really determined even when the chips are down. It sounds corny but it's true.

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Exercise keeps terror forces ready for attack

BY NICK AMES

A MAJOR anti-terrorism exercise is taking place across the county this week involving police and Army units.

It started on Monday with a demonstration of bomb-disposal techniques at the Kent Police training centre in Maidstone.

But Exercise Border Fist also took place at other locations over the last three days and is continuing until Friday.

It involves police officers inventing alert situations and contacting the Army, which responds as if it was a real emergency.

Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Leppard said: "This is a way for us to examine how effective our co-operation with other agencies such as the Army is, as well as test out our command and control structure."

Major Mark Austin of the military's Royal Logistics Corps added: "We are playing this for real – responding to incidents exactly as we would a real emergency."

Exact details of the mock alerts have not been released as those involved are still evaluating results – and details of any future exercises cannot be revealed or the results would be meaningless.

"We can't say what's going to happen as that would give the Army information they would not have in a real-life emergency," said Mr Leppard.

Monday's exercise was based on the scenario of a post office robbery in which the raiders had left an improvised nail-bomb outside the building to tie down police units.

It took place in a mocked-up street used by the force for training operations.

Soldiers from a Folkestone-based bomb-disposal squadron took part alongside police.

"Our team arrived with the area cordoned off, as would happen in a real alert," said Warrant Officer Andy Stedman.

"We then deployed what we call the wheel-



CONCENTRATION: Sgt David Humphreys is well protected before he embarks on the long walk to make the bomb safe

barrow – a robot bomb-disposal device which can approach the bomb and relay pictures back to our command truck."

The robot is equipped with a weapon on its front which fires an intense burst of cold water to knock out the explosive circuits and render the device safe.

"It's a system we have developed from long experience," said WO Stedman. "It acts in a nano-second and prevents the timing device from detonating."

A soldier in a 42kg anti-blast suit then goes up to the device to ensure it no longer poses a threat.

Sergeant David Humphreys took on the role

during the exercise – he has done it for real in British Army operations abroad.

"We call it the long walk," he said. "It's 100 per cent concentration – there is no room for nerves."

After he is sure the device is no longer a threat he collects evidence such as materials and possible fingerprints.

"This exercise went well," said Mr Leppard. "But we have to be vigilant. Anyone seeing anything suspicious should contact the police, whether or not an operation like this is running."

"If they do call us and it is just an exercise we will know."

Chief undecided about top job

KENT'S Chief Constable Michael Fuller has confirmed he is considering applying to become the next Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

In an exclusive interview, the county's top officer told our sister paper Kent on Sunday that he had not decided yet if he should enter the contest to succeed Sir Ian Blair, who stepped down on Thursday afternoon.

Bookmaker William Hill has slashed the odds on Mr Fuller, who is 49, taking Britain's top policing job from 14/1 to 10/1.

And asked if he was putting his name forward, Mr Fuller told KoS: "I haven't decided about it yet, I am genuinely undecided."

"I know the demands of the job and it's something I will give a lot of thought to. It's not something I would take on lightly."

Before joining Kent Police as chief constable in January 2004, Mr Fuller had been with the Met since starting as a cadet in 1975. When he arrived he was already tipped to be a strong candidate for the Met Commissioner's post.

Violent

While with the Met he came up with a strategy that led to the Met's anti-burglary initiative, Operation Bumblebee. He also established Operation Trident, the campaign to stop black-on-black gun crime, and helped set up the Racial and Violent Crime Task Force.

As a detective superintendent based in the Home Office, he gave regular advice to the Home Secretary and was later appointed deputy assistant commissioner (director of intelligence) at New Scotland Yard.

He is known to value "police operational independence and political neutrality", and describes his style as "firm but fair with a no-nonsense approach".

In the past he has spoken out to back his rank-and-file officers in their battle with the Government over pay.

Race is an ever-present issue in the capital, and under Mr Fuller's command Kent is one of only two forces to receive an 'excellent' rating for diversity.

Mr Fuller holds an honorary doctorate of laws from Sussex University and the University of East London. He is a non-practising barrister and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in July, 2007.

Kent Police Authority renewed Mr Fuller's appointment as chief constable three weeks ago.

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Why people's choice for 'Angel of the South' was cast aside

EXCLUSIVE

BY IAN PATEL

ONE of the public's favourite designs for the giant £2 million landmark at Ebbsfleet – dubbed the 'Angel of the South' – has been dumped, it emerged this week.

The confidential results of a major public consultation, exclusively obtained by our sister paper Kent On Sunday, also revealed that one of the designs still in the running was one of the least popular.

Judges named a shortlist of three designs by Daniel Buren, Richard Deacon and Mark Wallinger last week.

But the results of the consultation show a design by Christopher Le Brun, backed by 49 per cent of the public, failed to make it through to the next round of the selection process.

A design by Rachel Whiteread, who grew up in Ebbsfleet, was also dropped by judges.

Nest

However, Richard Deacon's design, which was backed by only 14 per cent of people, was shortlisted by the selection panel chaired by the director of Margate's Turner Contemporary, Victoria Pomery.

The geometrical design would be a painted steel latticework outlining a "stack" of 26 differently shaped polyhedrons, which he describes as a "nest".

The fact that there would be 26 "modules" is to reflect that there are 26 letters of the alphabet, because Mr Deacon sees writing as the cornerstone of western culture.

But his inspiration seems to have been lost on some of the public, one of whom described the work as "take three Curly Wurlys and apply gentle heat. Freeze and put into a display case."

More than 40,000 shoppers at Bluewater took



CONFICTING IDEAS: Christopher Le Brun's design was ditched despite being popular in a public consultation, while the least favoured 'latticework nest' by Richard Deacon has been shortlisted for the proposed 'Angel of the South' at Ebbsfleet

part in a three-month consultation from May to August. A further 10,000 people submitted their comments via the internet.

The iconic sculpture will stand at Springhead Park looking out over Ebbsfleet Valley, Ebbsfleet International station and the Thames Estuary.

The giant Ebbsfleet Landmark Project is being billed as the UK's largest and most significant public art commission since Antony Gormley's Angel of the North.

Eurostar, Land Securities and London & Continental Railways, the company behind High Speed 1 which will provide fast rail links between London and Kent next year, have organised the project.

Mark Wallinger's design for a white horse was the early favourite to win the commission, though Kent County Council has been trying to organise opposition to the design, claiming a prancing Invicta-style design would be more appropriate.

There have also been concerns that the Turner Prize winner's giant steel structure may be impossible to build and prohibitively expensive.

The current insiders' hot favourite is French conceptual artist Daniel Buren who is proposing what he calls a 'signal' – a tower made of five stacked cubes containing a vertical laser beam that will reach indefinitely into the sky.

Wallinger and Buren were both backed by 56 per cent of the public.

Announcing the shortlist this week Ms Pomery said: "We have asked Mark, Daniel and Richard to refine their proposals and to explore the engineering and cost feasibility in more detail. Our aim is to meet again in January to review their work in the light of this information."

When asked the point of the consultation when the public do not get to choose a final work, a spokesman for the Ebbsfleet Landmark Project said: "We did not seek a statistically significant outcome but a snapshot of views."

Racism on rise in county's schools

THE number of racist incidents reported at schools across the county has risen sharply during the last four years, according to a BBC investigation.

Cases involving pupils and teachers increased by more than 50 per cent, from 596 incidents in 2003/2004, to 901 in 2006/2007, according to the report.

During 2006/2007, 41 per cent of schools in the county reported racist incidents.

Statistics made available following a Freedom of Information request by BBC Radio Kent showed Mascalls School, a comprehensive in Paddock Wood, had the highest number of incidents with 31 in 2006/7.

Minster College in Sheerness had 18 incidents, the second highest number in the county.

Michelle Hunt, KCC access to information co-ordinator, said: "We are unaware if the numbers reported indicate the establishment of a robust system whereby the whole school can report incidents in the knowledge that issues will be handled sensitively, or an increase in prevalence."

Report highlights fire brigade efforts

FIREFIGHTERS are rescuing almost 400 people a year from blazes and road crashes, according to figures from the county branch of the Fire Brigades Union.

Between 1997 and 2006 more than 3,000 people were saved by Kent fire crews. The FBU said the figures were based on Freedom of Information requests, answers to parliamentary questions and official UK fire statistics, and do not include people evacuated for their own safety.

Ricky Matthews of the FBU's southern region said: "Everyone in the fire service knows there is terrible human tragedy behind all these incidents."

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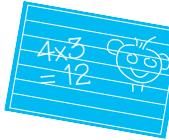


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BREAK TIME

Golden boy Jamie to visit old school

OLYMPIC gold medal-winning cyclist Jamie Staff will be visiting the North School on Wednesday, October 15.

He attended the school from the age of 11 to 16.

He left with the ambition of training as a surveyor, but while waiting for an interview went to the United States for a month, where his skill at BMX riding was spotted by a talent scout.

He later became world champion before turning his attention to track cycling.

Headteacher Lesley Ellis said: "We are delighted that Jamie won a gold medal in the team sprint event.

"This is an inspiration for all our students, past and present, and we are very pleased that Jamie is visiting the school to share with us his experiences at the Beijing Olympics and, hopefully, show off his gold medal.

"We hope we get another opportunity to cheer Jamie on in the 2012 Games in London, when some of our students may be at the opening ceremony."

Chinese connection

HOMEWOOD School in Tenterden has set up links with a middle school in the Chinese city of Kunming.

Kunming has a population of 3.8 million. It is the capital of Yunnan province, in the south-western corner of China, in the foothills of the Himalayas. The school has 2,800 pupils aged 12-18.

It has a strong emphasis on studying science and mathematics and is attached to the Yunnan Normal University.

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Future's an open book



LEARNING CURVE: Junior school pupils who took the Kent Test last month can take a close look at their secondary school options during open days in October and November

THE new school year is barely under way, but already there's an eye on the future as secondary schools host open days.

With junior pupils now sitting the Kent Test in September, schools are keen to impress as they look to lure prospective pupils and parents for next year.

Kennington's Towers School will be holding morning sessions today (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday.

North School in Willesborough will be holding a series of sessions in the mornings up to October 14.

While Highworth Girls' Grammar will be holding an open evening session on October 23 and a morning session on November 4.

Norton Knatchbull will be holding evening

■ BY ED HILL

and morning sessions on November 4 and 5.

September's Kent Test results are due to be returned by October 21. Parents then have until November 7 to submit the secondary common application form with the choice of schools they want their child to attend.

There will then be an agonising wait while parents await the results of their applications. Parents should receive notification of what school their child will be attending by March 2.

Graham Badman, managing director of the children, families and education directorate at Kent County Council, said: "There is a lot to consider when you are deciding which schools to apply to, and it can help to discuss your child's ability and style of learning with his or

her primary school teachers.

"Open sessions give teachers and pupils the opportunity to celebrate what they have achieved, and to show how much they can offer you and your child. Meeting the staff and the pupils and learning about the academic, vocational, sporting and artistic directions they can grow in can be the start of a whole new adventure in learning for children."

"Don't miss your chance to take a look at all the different kinds of school open to you."

Independent schools are also holding open days. The Ashford School is holding its event on Saturday, October 11, between 10am and 1pm.

Joanna Stephens, from the school, said: "Visiting an open day is one of the most useful ways to gain an overall impression of life at the school."



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Boris's estuary airport idea a flight of fancy

SO LONDON Mayor Boris Johnson thinks an artificial island in the Thames estuary near the Isle of Sheppey is the ideal place for a new airport? Well, I don't.

And nor do thousands of others who have some idea of safety and conservation.

Heathrow handles more than 500,000 take offs and landings a year and it needs to expand due to increased demand.

Well, leaving aside the obvious argument that in terms of economic hardship air travel is one of the first things to suffer, Heathrow should be the continued base for major carriers.

Everything is in place – from immigration and baggage handling to a smartish restaurant where you can get a full English breakfast with wine and beer prior to a flight.

Building the infrastructure a modern airport needs on an artificial island would be an astronomical outlay. It would make constructing the Olympic facilities look like putting up a new stand at a non-league football ground.

And what about the transport links?

Heathrow is quite well served by the underground and mainline trains, and a cab into central London isn't too expensive.

But what would this offshore island offer? A high-speed boat to Sheppey or Sittingbourne?

Certainly rail links would have to be vastly improved and roads upgraded. Bridges would have to be constructed to link the whole thing to the mainland as well.

How long would all this take? Probably around 20 years if the Channel Tunnel is anything to go by.

We in the UK are not brilliant at large scale engineering projects. They always come in well over budget and at a completion date years later than first envisaged.

Then the question is who is going to pay for the whole thing?

At a time when credit is at a premium and travel companies at risk is there anyone who could come up with the billions and billions of pounds this scheme would need?

Environmental and safety concerns are present as well. The area is an important one

for birds and so would not be the best place for aircraft because of the fears of collision.

It's obvious Boris's airport idea is not really serious – and I say this for one explosive reason.

The USS Richard Montgomery lies in the Thames estuary along with its cargo of extremely volatile ammunition. It is considered too dangerous to even attempt to move a ship which sunk more than 50 years ago.

Yet this sunken bomb is the place where Boris wants to build an airport over the top of.

Surely his advisors must have told him about this potential for his whole airport to be blown sky high, killing thousands in the process?

So we can see this exercise for what it is – an appeal to the voters of west London to show that their concerns about air traffic are being taken seriously by the new mayor.

It's a cynical attempt to win votes and goodwill – but what more do you expect from a politician of whatever party?

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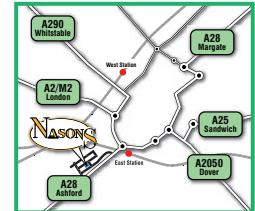
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Tell us about the shop?

Pauline: The shop has been here about six years. All the money we earn goes directly to the cattery in the town so it does not go to the charity's central funds.

We have a lot of regular customers and we always make them feel welcome. A bigger shop would be nice but we really don't have the money to pay more rent. People like being here because we have all the schools nearby, our prices are a lot lower than in the town and they can park nearby. No one gets paid here we are all voluntary staff. I think people like the charity connection. A lot of times people tell us to keep the change or donate and we get the odd cheque from time to time. We are trying to update the shop at the moment so if anyone has any rails, mannequins or shop fittings they would like to donate we would love to hear from them.

How did you get involved?

Ruth: I was just delivering something and Pauline shouted out to me do you want a job and I said yes and that was that. I have enjoyed it ever since. We do have trouble finding staff. Even if people help for an hour it can make a difference.

What is the nicest thing you have sold?

Jill: Ruth donated a really nice dolls' house. People come in and tell us if we are selling things too cheap but we did have one mistake. We sold some little china Wade dolls for 50p each. It turned out they were worth £120. But people do come in looking for a bargain. Those things are bound to happen occasionally.

YOUR LETTERS

Roads don't lead to any decent shops

All this fancy road work in Ashford will not bring people here to spend money. All the best shops are outside of Ashford. There's only Debenhams in the town and the prices are too high.

What have we got? A few empty shops because the 40 thieves in the council have put the rates too high. Now we have in town banks, building societies, takeaways and betting shops.

I came to Ashford in 1967 when all you had to do was go to the High Street to do all your shopping.

AE Guile
Willesborough

Please spare a thought for animal welfare

I love food and think it is important that we think about what we eat, where it comes from and how it is produced. More than 900 million animals are reared for food every year – that's a staggering number. If we want them to enjoy a higher standard of welfare, we will need to do our bit. September 22-28 is RSPCA Freedom Food Farm Animal Week.

Change your diet, change the world

Two weeks ago you printed a letter from Anthony Worrall Thompson, TV chef about animal welfare.

Well, if anyone really cares about animal welfare the only answer is... don't eat them!

It's totally hypocritical for anyone to say they care about, or even love, animals and yet pay

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think about what we eat, where it comes from and how it is produced', which is precisely why I'm vegan.

I can see the thought of eating only the animals that have had a less cruel life before slaughter may appease the guilt for some people, but in the UK alone, every second, 30 innocent, sentient beings are killed, often fully conscious, in agony and terrified.

It's so easy to be vegetarian these days and to enjoy faux bacon toasters, veggie bangers and mash etc; it's not about eating cauliflower everyday.

I note also the letter from Dr Hazel Dawe of the Kent Greens, which includes the 'how to save planet' theme, omits to address the major source of greenhouse gas emissions, livestock rearing.

Global warming, water pollution, water shortages and deforestation are causing irreversible damage to the environment and the extinction of wildlife are all direct results of a meat-based diet.

It takes 1,000 litres of water to produce 1kg of wheat, and 100,000 litres of water to produce 1kg of beef.

According to a UN report published in November 2006, livestock uses 30 per cent of the Earth's entire land surface, for pasture and feed, and at that time 70 per cent of the Amazon rain forests had been destroyed and cleared for grazing.

This report also informed us that cattle-rearing generates more global warming greenhouse gases, as measured in CO₂ equivalent, than all our transportation put together. Surely the most effective way to reduce our carbon footprint is to become vegetarian, or better still, vegan.

If you want to change the world change your diet.

Tricia J Davey
Kingsnorth

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others to murder them on their behalf so they can cook their dead animal flesh, and body

parts, and serve them up for tea.

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"Unofficial war has been declared on motorists" – this was the statement in Yourashford's letters last week, in relation to safety cameras. And it is nonsense.

Providing motorists obey the law, they won't have to pay the Government one single penny. Ashford is hardly bristling with safety cameras.

What cameras do however, is reduce road casualties, lower costs to the

Unofficial war has been declared on motorists

So yet again the speed cameras are to be used to further the war that seems to have been declared on motorists. It's not about safety at all – what it is about is raising money from a group of people who have taken the road casualties all too quietly.

This government

seems to have it in for drivers – there are new regulations coming into force constantly and new

taxpayer, and ease the burden on the NHS.

How can anyone suggest motorists are being assaulted, when road safety concerns form the greatest

threat of violence society faces everyday? Other costs mentioned of fuel, materials etc, are independent of safety cameras.

Whilst still too high, safety cameras play an important role in the annual reduction of road casualties.

Ted Prangnell
Kennington

Boris is blasted over 'barmy' airport plan



We don't need another airport in the county

Conservative Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, is advocating a new airport in the Thames Estuary. Since UK residents are already making more flights than people in other rich countries, we need to cut flying in order to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Green Party members of the Greater London Assembly have already forced Boris Johnson to meet with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds concerning his airport proposals.

But there is also the issue of the London Array windfarm.

Does Boris Johnson think jumbo jets with hundreds of passengers are going to slalom down the Thames Estuary through the London Array wind turbines?

The 341 turbines proposed will be up to 175 metres high over an area of about 94.6 square miles. We certainly need the electricity for 750,000 homes which the Array will produce – not another airport.

The Green Party advocates a £100 tax on internal flights to push people to use rail for long journeys within the UK.

This is essential since so many flights are short-distance.

If aviation emissions are shared across households, then each UK household is making about one third of its carbon emissions by the flights its members take. Even more surprising, the UK is top for

aviation emissions per adult, far ahead of the USA and other rich countries.

Currently, each UK adult averages about 603kg of carbon emissions from aviation use per year whilst the US average is only 275kg per adult per year.

Domestic tourism and rail travel to the continent can substitute for flights, helping to boost UK tourism revenues.

Kent Green Party wants Rochester, Manston and Lydd airports converted to other leisure uses to support domestic tourism, not international flights.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Get your eyes tested and it may just save your sight

Playing a blind character in a current BBC TV series has given me an insight into what it might be like to live with blindness. In preparation, I met blind and partially sighted people who showed me how they successfully go about their lives. But it also made me value my sight.

Every day in the UK, 100 people begin to lose their sight, but shockingly half of sight loss can be avoided. That's why I'm supporting

RNIB's Eye Health Week. The charity is encouraging us all to look after our eyes by getting regular eye tests, not smoking and eating our vegetables.

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VARIETY: From Orchestra Baobab, above, to a Welsh soprano, there's music to suit every taste at the Canterbury Festival, as well as poetry from Andrew Motion, below right, and drama from the Footsbarn Theatre Company, with the odd comedian thrown in for good measure too

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CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Saturday to Saturday, October 11-25
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WITH more than 200 events in two weeks, Canterbury Festival has something to offer everyone this year.

From theatre, classical music and dance to stand-up comedy, children's theatre and walks, there is a wealth of great entertainment on offer. Performers from more than 30 countries are taking part and the event has been described as a 'festival of firsts' as a number of exciting international artists visit Canterbury for the first time.

One of the highlights will be the Footsbarn Theatre Company's colourful interpretation of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which is being staged in a heated circus tent on the Kingsmead Primary School playing field from Tuesday to Saturday, October 18. The famous travelling company, which is now based in France, has not been to Britain since the mid-90s.

Albania's Symphony Orchestra of Radio Television makes its UK debut at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, October 25, while global guitar phenomenon Jose Gonzales will be at the Marlowe Theatre on Friday, October 17.

The festival will also be linking to the Man Booker Prize for the first time, as Canterbury passes its own



verdict on who should win the literary award at the International Study Centre on Tuesday.

The Really Promising Company performs The Mystery of Edwin Drood at the Theatre Royal Margate on Saturday and Sunday, Mappa Mundi put their own spin on the Canterbury Tales at the Marlowe from Thursday to Saturday, and a

series of dark and captivating sketches are brought to life in Between The Devil and The Deep Blue Sea at the Gulbenkian Theatre on Saturday, October 18.

From the Canterbury debut of Welsh soprano Elin Manahan Thomas in the Cathedral Nave on Thursday, October 23, to the irresistible pop sounds of Africa's Orchestra Baobab at the Marlowe on Monday, October 20, almost every musical taste will be catered for and new sounds can be explored.

There will be plenty of laughs on offer too, with shows by Andy Hamilton, Danny Bhoy, Jim Jeffries, Michael McIntyre, Sandi Toksvig and Ed Byrne.

The programme of talks boasts an impressive line-up of fascinating figures, from Poet Laureate Andrew Motion and historian Dr David Starkey, to satirist Craig Brown and rocker Suzy Quatro.

Children will be captivated by Potted Potter and Professor Palmerhoff's Magic Show, while film buffs can enjoy a diverse programme at the Gulbenkian Cinema. Exhibitions, walks, opera, lunchtime concerts, the Festival Fringe and umbrella events in surrounding areas mean everyone should be able to enjoy a taste of the festival.

Canterbury Festival opens with the carnival parade which begins at Westgate Towers at 5pm on Saturday and makes its way to Dane John Gardens. For full details of the festival listings pick up a free brochure or visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.



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NO 1 50S & 60S SHOW

Thursday, October 16
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STEP back in time and relive the golden age of pop with the No 1 50s & 60s Show.

Take a nostalgic trip down Memory Lane and get ready to move your dancing feet during this two-hour spectacular, featuring classic number one hits from the early chart years. Seven singers and musicians perform the tracks against a backdrop of projected screen images, a dynamic reminder of years gone by.

There are also numerous costume changes as the performers sing their way through the decades.

Tap your toes to hits by Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, Connie Francis, Bobby Darin, Paul Anka and more as the show pays tribute to the 50s. As it moves on to the swinging 60s, highlights include chart-topping songs by The Shadows, Dusty Springfield, Sandie Shaw, the Rolling Stones, the Monkees, the Beatles and many more great artists.

Get ready to relive the excitement of these two innovative decades and dance the night away to the timeless hits they produced.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16/£14. To book call the box office on 0844 847 1776. For more information visit the website at www.leascliffhall.co.uk.



APPLE AND CIDER SUNDAY

Sunday, October 12
Museum of Kent Life, Sandling



VISITORS will be invited to sample the best local varieties of cider at the Museum of Kent Life this weekend.

The museum is holding its Apple and Cider Sunday, giving people the chance to see

how Kentish apples are used to make delicious ciders and juices. Watch apples being crushed in an antique cider press and taste the results during this special day.

There will also be lots of entertainment on offer including live music, a craft fair and Morris dancers. Try your hand at hitting the targets on the coconut shy, ride on the tractor, get your face

painted, take part in children's apple games and marvel at the magician.

Special event rates apply for Apple and Cider Sunday. Admission costs £8.50 for adults, £7 concessions, £6.20 for children aged three to 15 and is free for under-threes. The museum is open from 10am to 5pm.

For more details see www.museum-kentlife.co.uk.

the traditional jazz trio.

Gifted pianist and composer Mitchell joins forces with drummer Richard Spaven and bassist Tom Mason to develop their own signature. Influences include song, odd metre, freeform jazz, broken beat, hip hop and folk, along

with both old and new styles of jazz, electronic and rock.

The trio is currently on tour to promote their new album, The Greater Good, which features arrangements of tunes by other artists such as Massive Attack, original pieces and the rarely played Dance Cadaverous, written by Wayne Shorter for his 1964 album Speak No Evil.

Mitchell has won a number of awards and played or recorded with big names such as Norma Winstone, Courtney Pine and Steve Williamson. Mason has also worked with an eclectic array of artists, while Spaven is prolific on the nu-jazz and broken beat scene in the UK, US and the Netherlands. They are all members of Mitchell's long-running band Panacea.

The concert starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £8/£6. For details call 01227 760801 or see www.orangestreetmusic.com.

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To find out more visit the website at www.tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk.

Book in for hot and cold art at town's library

A MIXED media exhibition featuring work inspired by an Easter trip to Iceland opens on Friday.

Fire and Ice has been recreated by a number of artists including Linda Walmsley, Alexandra le Rossignol, Carol Allison, Goggy Madden, Hilary Hodgson and Rachael Jones. It features paintings, photographs, printmaking, felt-making and tapestry.

The display is at Ashford Library, Church Road, until October 30. The library is open from Monday to Saturday.

Fantastic covers band will hold you to ransom

FANS of rock and indie music can hear some great hits live at a pub in Ashford later this week.

Vanilla Ransom, a five-piece covers band, will be performing cover versions from those genres. Catch them playing live at the George Hotel in High Street on Friday.

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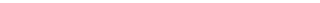
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■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE THIN line between professional music journalist and gushing over-the-top fan is at times difficult to maintain.

Even the most hardened hack has been known to regress into nothing more than a blubbering mess once given 10 minutes on the phone or a quick face-to-face with their very-literal 'pop idols'.

I had visions that interviewing Camera Obscura's singer songwriter Tracyanne Campbell would temporarily transform me into a 15-year-old smitten schoolboy and so I took the necessary steps to protect my journalistic integrity.

Using the social networking powerhouse that is Facebook I invited fans who have bought tickets to the Scottish indie pop rockers' Canterbury gig to submit their questions to Tracyanne, giving me little room for an 'unfortunate' ad-lib.

A selection of the best are below:

Valerie asked: Who are your musical influences?

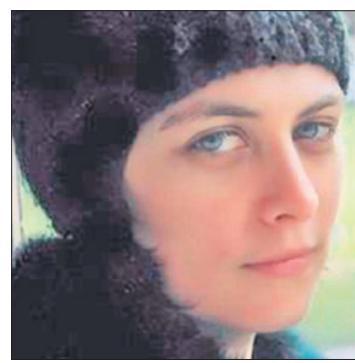
There are millions of influences, too many to mention. I suppose if I had to list a few I'd say Dion, Diana Ross and The Supremes and Kris Kristofferson. I like singer/songwriters.

Ruth asked: Why do you think the music industry is so male-dominated and why are there so few women in bands?

The world's male dominated. The reasons for that are probably too heavy and many to go into this morning. I don't think there are so few women in bands. Each day it becomes more acceptable for women to be fronting bands. Maybe the person who asked that is reading the wrong music magazines, which are full of the skinny jeans brigade. I mean, I'm a girl in a band and have been for a long time. I have experienced some extent of sexism in the industry but it hasn't stopped me from doing what I want to do.

Kerry asked: If you had to be replaced by any famous male vocalist who would be most suited to the Camera Obscura sound?

I don't know. I think Dion would be great. He can



LEADING LADY: Camera Obscura's Tracyanne Campbell says it has become more acceptable for women to front bands come in and do what I do. I think he would do a great job and would make our music better.

Vince asked: What made you choose Super Trouper as a cover version?

We made the album in Sweden and we like ABBA, or at least some of us do, and were asked to do a radio session so we just played that song. We've done it at a few gigs since and people seem to quite like it.

John asked: How much emphasis do you put on chart success and album sales?

None. It's not relevant these days. People who aren't in bands don't realise how the industry works. Back in the day chart success was everything but it's doesn't work like that nowadays. I would bet most of the people who have our music haven't bought our albums. Getting into the Top 10 is nothing we think about, which is a bit sad. I'd still be really excited if we got high up the charts but don't see it as important.

Jodie asked: You've been reported as dismissing the oft-used Belle and Sebastian comparison as 'lazy journalism'. Who would you compare the band to?

I don't want to compare the band to anyone else. There's nothing I find more boring than reading

a review of a band where the journalist compares them to someone else. I don't want to say 'listen to us because we sound like so-and-so'. However, if someone did compare us to someone we like or have been influenced by I think I would be more flattered than dismissive.

I asked: Have you played in Canterbury before and why did you choose to play there?

No, we've never been there before so it should be a lot of fun. I'm told it's beautiful there, in the Garden of England. We took the gig on because we wanted to keep our hand in in terms of playing live. We've been doing festival dates but we don't really start going until next year. We were asked to play in Canterbury and so we thought we'd build a little tour around that night, playing in places we've never played before or have only played once.

I also asked: What can we expect on the night?

We'll try and play a wee bit of everything. We've recorded our new album so we'll try and play a few new songs but that might be difficult as we haven't rehearsed since we finished in the studio. Maybe we'll do a completely different set to the one we normally play in London or Glasgow. It's always difficult to know what people want.

Andy asked: Your plectrum tin was recently stolen during a gig in Manchester. Has it been returned yet?

No. I don't think it ever will be. I'm over it now. I made an appeal on our website for it to be returned as I'd had that tin from the first time we ever went on tour; it's been all over the world with me. Someone very close gave it to me and it was also a handy wee tin to keep my plectrums and capo in. I normally kept the tin on top of my amp but for this gig put it near my pedal board. As we went off I remember thinking 'should I take this off with me?' but then decided against it. When we came back on for the encore it was gone.

• Camera Obscura play the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury on Thursday October 16. Tickets cost £12 and £14. For more details visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk.

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Outlet has designs on funding cancer charity

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David Maddison centre manager at the McArthurGlen shopping complex said: "Once again we've chosen the Mid-Kent Breast Cancer Research Appeal to benefit from our efforts so we can see the money put to good use in our region."

The Mid-Kent Breast Cancer Research Appeal aims to improve the early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

Enjoy rosé with a ribbon when you buy a bottle

RAISE a toast to the work of the Pink Ribbon Foundation with a glass of Australian rosé sparkling wine Pink.

The wine is produced by Yellowglen and sponsors the foundation, which helps women affected by breast cancer. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month all bottles of Pink will carry the Pink Ribbon logo. The company has made a donation to the foundation and continues to raise funds for the cause.

Pink is available from Sainsbury's and other supermarkets, priced at £7.99.

Wash away ignorance with awareness soaps

OCTOBER is also Blindness Awareness Month and L'Occitane has launched a new product to raise funds for charity.

The company is selling a set of three animal soaps, priced at £8, with all proceeds being donated to ORBIS, a charity for the visually impaired. Every minute a child somewhere in the world loses its sight, so the animal soaps form part of L'Occitane's new Mom & Baby range.

Funds raised will help support ORBIS's 'flying eye', a hospital plane which lands in some of the world's poorest countries.

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88 MINUTES (15)



Al Pacino stars as Dr Jack Gramm, a professor who moonlights as a forensic psychiatrist for the FBI. The story revolves around death row inmate Jon Forster, who is to be executed by lethal injection as the result of Gramm's testimony. However, while Forster is behind bars preparing for his last meal, a copycat killer is at work in Seattle.

BRIDESHEAD REVISITED (12A)



On an Atlantic crossing, painter Charles Ryder (Matthew Goode) encounters Julia Mottram (Hayley Atwell) who, when she was Julia Flyte in the years between the wars, inflamed Charles with love. That he was previously in love with her brother Sebastian (Ben Whishaw) was an added complication.

Man in the mirror

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

UNLIKE many actors, Kiefer Sutherland doesn't like looking at himself. For one thing, he only has a single mirror in his house.

And for another, he isn't really interested in seeing himself on film. For a star with a string of hit movies to his name and a successful stint on TV show 24, he is surprisingly down to earth.

"I've always thought I look different in my head than what I see," explains Kiefer.

"I have a hard time looking at myself. I remember I saw Stand By Me for the first time and thought my career was over. I wanted that character to be emblematic of the 1950s and I wanted him to look like Jimmy Dean.

"So in my head, when I'm making it, all those things are there. Then I went and saw it – and it was me. I was really disappointed with that.

"I've always been much happier with what I thought I'd looked like and what I thought I was doing, than looking at the physical reality. I try to avoid it."

Mirrors is the title of Kiefer's new film in which he stars as Ben Carson, an ex-cop turned security guard who is sent to watch over a creepy abandoned building in New York after splitting from his wife and their two kids.

Things take a terrifying turn when he starts seeing scary and violent images in the ornate mirrors which adorn the building's walls. Worse still, the spirits inside begin to take hold of his and his family's lives, with horrific consequences.



ON REFLECTION: Kiefer Sutherland has never been keen on watching himself on film

"One of the things that attracted me to this guy is that he's at an all-time low," explains Kiefer.

"He's lost his job, he's lost his wife and he can't see his kids. You see this guy pick himself up by the bootstraps and go and get a job he really doesn't want in order

to try to make enough money so he can take care of his responsibilities and try to build back up.

"It's hard to do anything right if your confidence or self-esteem is low," he adds. "It's almost impossible. Those are the times you say and do stupid things because

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you're so desperate. I can't speak for anybody else, but I've certainly been there."

Kiefer, who admits he gets scared "pretty easily", was keen to work with French director Alexandre Aja and do something in the horror genre away from 24 (he is immersed in a gruelling filming schedule for the seventh season of the show).

He filmed Mirrors after completing season six of the show, finishing the shoot on weekends.

"Certain opportunities present themselves and you want to take advantage of them," he says about his mammoth workload.

"As an actor, your desire is to elicit a response from an audience. There is no better genre to do that in than this. I can physically move you in your seat."

"For me, I get very affected by films. I have a contract when I see a movie between myself and the film which is that I will surrender and give myself up, suspend my disbelief so it will take me somewhere."

"And that makes me very vulnerable to a film like this. So it was a lot easier to make the film than to watch it."



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READY TO START AGAIN!

Nice, fun-loving single mum, 1, 32, 5'7", brown hair, like cinemas, walks, WLM caring male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. East Sussex, Box 409416

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH

I'm Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, nice smile, seeking down-to-earth and loving male to get to know and see what happens! Box 901072

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Affectionate female, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, blonde, WLM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells, Box 307834

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Curvy brunette, 5ft, hazel eyes, single mum, looking for that special passionate and caring man to share good times with. Box 443256

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Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walk on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442393

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Brunette female, 36ys old, single mum, enjoys socialising, DIY, romantic moments and family activities, WLM a male with similar interests for friendship, maybe more. Box 442393

HISTORIC MEETING?
Mum of three, 36, long messy hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, cooking, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

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Single female, 37, looks like she's been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

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Tunbridge wells based lady, brown hair/eyes, 38, I'm a teacher and love theatre, reading, cinema, swimming, travel. Looking for like minded chap for happy times. Box 444923

FROM ME TO YOU

Tall leggy blonde, 38, recently bereaved, looking for a mate out in nights, in, dry wine, wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404

A-STAR LOVE

Bright bubbly curvy female, 38, a teacher, loves reading, travelling, swimming, cooking, WLM adventurous male to share life and hopefully more with. Tunbridge Wells, Box 444628

JUST CALL MY NAME

39y old female, enjoys going out and trying new things, seeking a similar male for friendship. Box 443823

CALL ME...

Honest caring lady, 43, single mum, medium build, blue-green eyes, streaked blonde hair, likes swimming, reading, cooking, wine, dining, WLM fun-loving male for love. Box 444211

ATTRACTIVE

Professional female, 43, enjoys dancing, reading and writing, WLM an intelligent professional male, who can hold a good conversation, for a relationship. Box 444211

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414568

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44y old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLM a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 447451

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CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Lonely single mum, 38, 5ft4, blonde, loves socialising, good fun and laughing, WLM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 448403

MISSES JULIE

Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopefully love. Box 888162

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, blonde, green eyes, 5ft1, likes shopping, eating out etc, GSOSH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Spiritual 44y old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach. WLM caring, fun and loving male for friendship, maybe leading to LTR. Box 443578

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46y old female, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walking, theatre, walking, WLM male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 448403

SANDY SKEEKS DANNY

Slim, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOSH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

SWEEET THINGS

Single, young looking 49y old lady, blonde hair, blue eyes, I love nights out and evenings in. Box 886430

DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Professional female, 49, blonde, loves the outdoors, good food, wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198

NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLM slim, blonde, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443578

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40y old female enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

TOO MUCH? ASK?

Genuine female, 41, 5'3", blonde, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, pub, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Attractive female, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, blonde, WLM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells, Box 444796

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KEEPING COMPANY TOGETHER

Young-looking, South African origin, female, 45, long dark hair, seeking caring, male for friendship and hopefully more! Box 444223

HERE WE ARE

Divorced female, 45, single, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444223

ENTERTAIN ME

49y female, 5ft, medium build, blonde, short hair, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular dining, dancing, loving and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 443854

HELLO BOYS!

Hi I'm 44, 5ft, 5ft6, curly, Brunette, green eyes, GSOSH, WLM a spontaneous, caring, tall man to make me smile and feel good again. Box 886627

A MOMENT LIKE THIS

Divorced female, 45, lovely, funny, very romantic, WLM a faithful and funny guy for a relationship. Box 889366

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft5, tall, red hair, seeking a caring, tall, slim, tattooed, not bad looking! Maidstone area. Box 444912

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDBAGS!

Smiling, bubbly female, 40, GSOSH, seeking a caring, male for friendship, and mutual affection. Box 444743

WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND

Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft2, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic pubs, seeking a male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444873

WISKEY ME

Female, 40, blonde, 5ft, likes socialising, seeking a male for cuddles, hugs and more. Box 444875

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YOUR TV REVIEW

JAMIE'S MINISTRY OF FOOD
Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IT must be about ten years since Jamie Oliver burst on to our screens riding his Lambretta, sliding down the bannisters of his flat's staircase and being a little bit too chirpy for his own good.

As he whizzed about calling people 'dahlin' and 'geezee' a nation swooned at the informality of it all.

Then, before anyone had said 'vanilla pod', he'd bagged a megabucks supermarket deal and sold a squillion books.

Not bad for someone whose main aim in life was to knock up a bit of 'pukka grub'.

Whether you loved it or hated it, The Naked Chef made a huge impact and brought cooking to a generation with an ever-increasing dependence on kebabs and McDonald's.

His Jamie's School Dinners campaign and TV show was a deserved big hit, and caught the attention of politicians as well as couch potatoes.

Sainsbury's adverts and fake dinner parties aside, it's hard not to have a grudging admiration for the chef.

Perhaps I even became, gulp, a fan.

A decade later from those Naked beginnings and umpteen different shows on, the munching maestro's latest attempt to educate us mere mortals in the ways of food was last week's big show.

Jamie's Ministry of Food is back next Tuesday night for the third of the run.

This time around he's trying to teach the non-cooking masses how to knock up a plate of meatballs and pasta and other such dishes for dimwits.

After the ordinary Jamie at Home,



HOB TO IT: Jamie Oliver aims to educate the nation in the ways of cooking in his new show

his last effort, the loveable Mockney needs a hit in his saucepan, but it's hard to ascertain if this will be it, mainly down to a lack of originality and the sense that this is not much more than a rehash of the schools campaign.

The success of that clearly led the team behind this one to simply think they could do the same, only with adults.

It may be a worthwhile cause, but it's just not all that entertaining a second time around.

He deserves a better format than this, something a bit fresher and edgier.

We know he loves his name before the title so how about Jamie's Jamies, in which he only exclusively teaches other Jamies to cook?

With the way it's going, it could happen – and it might be a little more exciting than this.

After the ordinary Jamie at Home,

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S worth exploring an opportunity to make money from your creative talents. Your income could arrive in fits and starts, but that won't bother you. During the fiscally flush times, you need to put some money into savings to keep your afloat during tougher times.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 20)

YOU'LL have to be very assertive with a bashful person. Although you're not especially outgoing, you need to push yourself if you're going to get what you want. It may not be easy to gain access to an educational or cultural institution so be patient and wait a wee while.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

WHIPPING your household into order makes you feel more calm and settled. This is a wonderful time to clear clutter. Hold a yard sale, donate stuff to charity, and throw the rest out or you'll feel blocked and tired. You could make a tidy profit from some creative efforts.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOUR powers of seduction are potent and passion packed. Someone in your social circle could catch your fancy. Say a few suggestive things and then make a strategic retreat. You'll soon have them eating out of your hand. Inject a little excitement into your life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531769

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR love life is crackling with electric excitement. If you're single, you could meet someone special. Keep your eyes open for a dark, mysterious person with lots of magnetism. If you're in a relationship, this would be a good time to go on a vacation. This trip is for adults only!

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU'RE going to be very busy this week. Relatives can help you with childcare and other domestic responsibilities. If you're on your own, you can rely on your network of friends to help you in testing times. An exciting career opportunity could be offered to you over the next few days.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU have a sharp mind, and need mental stimulation to be happy. Fortunately, a clever person who challenges your way of thinking gives you plenty of food for thought as your opposing views give you lots to talk about. Don't let a child take advantage of your generosity later this week.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)

WORKING behind the scenes is the way to go. You're tired of always fitting in to satisfy other people. Tackling a project for yourself will lift your spirits. You're making more money than usual, but don't fritter it away. You'd be wise to save as there may be big expenses ahead.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU work best as part of an ambitious team. That's because your ideas get better when you run them past critical thinkers. Take their suggestions to heart, as they will make you a better worker. Being receptive to criticism could build bonds between you and a true professional.

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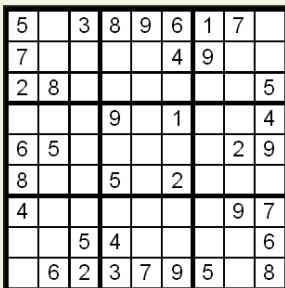
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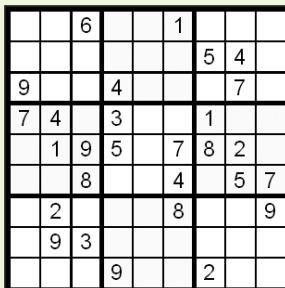
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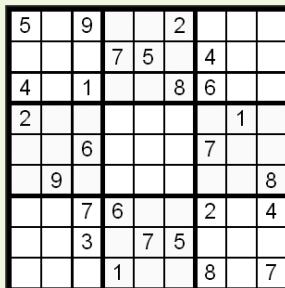
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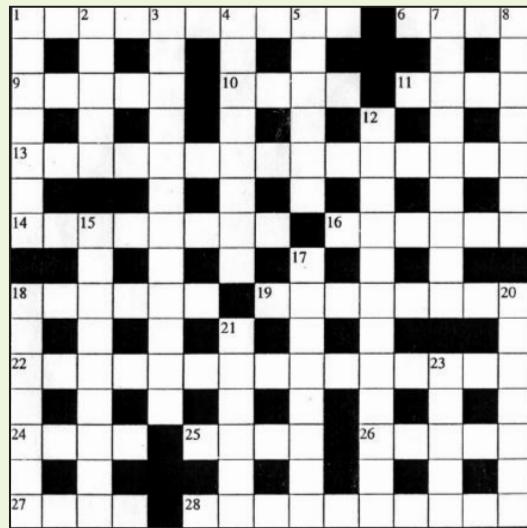
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- 1 Vehicle's standing charge (7,3)
- 2 Medic leaves Russian capital boat (4)
- 3 Proper privilege (5)
- 10 Confident of finding ancient city in London area (4)
- 11 Telephoned back to growl (4)
- 13 Grudging another movement in catchment area (9-6)
- 14 Went off and destroyed the theory (8)
- 16 Lustful when it's full of vapour (6)
- 18 Whale, blue, swimming with Georgia (6)
- 19 Fastest one caught Kay in search (8)
- 22 Restore matters - after they had been dropped on the floor? (4,2,3)
- 24 Indian seen in window (4)
- 25 Having been aware of some transgression today (4)
- 26 Carp about a base out east (5)
- 27 Got a new garment! (4)
- 28 Animals are barred from crossing this (6-4)

DOWN

- 1 Groupie capsizing canoe (7)
- 2 Dictionary he devised synonymously (5)
- 3 Ultimately like marathon competitors (2,3,4,3)
- 4 Chatted about scandalmonger with newsman (8)
- 5 A green concoction to provoke fury (6)
- 7 Joined opposite having taken food round cooler (9)
- 8 It is ordinary without a 24-hour period in the week (7)
- 12 Round which it is extremely cold (6,6)
- 15 Beastly law-enforcer? (6-3)
- 17 Excluded dour lute playing (5,3)
- 18 John's church? (7)
- 20 Model on sleigh with us inside struggled (7)
- 21 Heard Stanley's taken a few lines (6)
- 23 Hundred more shelter (5)

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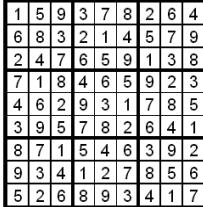
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- 6 Gulp down (4)
- 9 Of sound (5)
- 10 Doing word (4)
- 11 Monster (4)
- 13 Tonga (8,7)
- 14 Ill-balanced (8)
- 16 Left the stage (6)
- 18 Became void (6)
- 19 Fourths (8)
- 22 Dickensian character (4,11)
- 24 Bee's hum (4)
- 25 Doopstop (4)
- 26 Subcontinent (5)
- 27 Small particles of sand (4)

- 28 Plebiscite (10)
- DOWN
- 1 Modest (7)
- 2 Biblical mount (5)
- 3 Secretly (2,10)
- 4 Evened up (8)
- 5 Root vegetable (6)
- 7 Carriage (9)
- 8 Sumrised (7)
- 12 Panacea for longevity (6,2,4)
- 15 Spying photographers (9)
- 17 Fertile female insect (5,3)
- 18 US beetle (7)
- 20 Admirer (anag.) (7)
- 21 Act of lifting (6)
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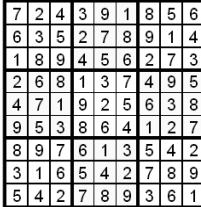
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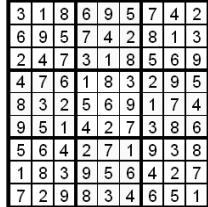
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Revel in the new and old India

BY RACHEL O'BRIEN

IT FEELS a bit like the cheat's way to enjoy India – reclining by the pool after a stress-busting massage, with Champagne in hand and an army of waiters standing by. It's a far cry from my friends' tales of budget backpacking and Delhi belly.

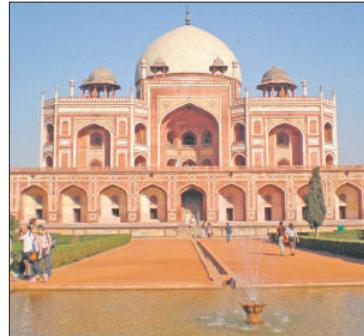
But while this might not be a cheap hippie trail through South Asia, neither is our visit one of old-fashioned opulence, with exotic elephant rides or maharaja-style luxury, as was once sought after by many a well-heeled traveller to the colonial 'jewel in the Crown'.

This is the 'new' India; one of the world's largest economies, with a staggering growth rate of 8.5 per cent in 2006 and 2007, a film industry rivalling Hollywood and a population set to overtake China's by 2030.

Amid vast social and cultural changes, the typical tourist experience is undergoing its own transformation.

We're staying at the Park Hotel in Delhi, which admittedly offers luxury beyond the means of most locals (it has a rather overwhelming staff to guestroom ratio of more than two to one). But as one of the country's first boutique hotels, its contemporary take on Indian hospitality seems a suitable starting point for exploring the changing subcontinent.

Set back from hectic Connaught Place – the commercial hub of New Delhi – the hotel's modern and funky design could be at



STUNNING: Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb, one of most famous monuments in Delhi, is best enjoyed in the late afternoon sun

home in any cosmopolitan city, but there is an emphasis on Indian traditions presented in a new light.

But Delhi is knocking on the door; we have sights to see and walks around the beautiful Indo-Islamic Qutub Minar, the world's tallest brick minaret (pictured right), or the stunning Mughal-designed Humayun's Tomb, are best appreciated in the late afternoon sun.

Juxtaposed with the stately calm of these must-see sights is the chaos of local people going about their everyday life, with their hands firmly pressed on their car horns.

If your nerves are up to it, hurtle along in a

cycle rickshaw towards the enormous 17th century Red Fort, and get lost on foot in the winding bazaars around Chandni Chowk street. Here the pandemonium of Old Delhi is far removed from the gracious boulevards of Edward Lutyens' New Delhi.

In contrast the next stop on our trip, Chennai, formerly Madras, has a relatively small-town feel – despite being home to well over four million people. The city, a two-and-a-half hour flight south from the capital, is India's fourth largest metropolis and the state capital of Tamil Nadu.

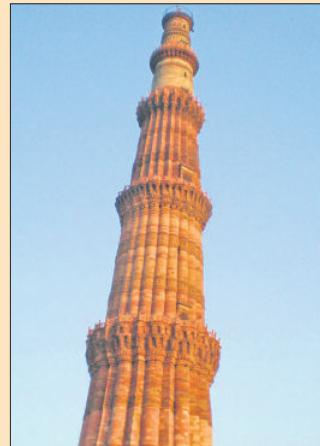
Down here in India's deep south, there is plenty of culture to rival Delhi's offerings. It's well worth the 60km drive from Chennai to the 7th century temples and sculptures at Mahabalipuram, carved with intricate scenes from Hindu mythology and the Panchatantra animal fables.

For a modern-day, but no less impressive, flavour of Tamil Nadu culture, tour the classrooms of the Kalakshetra Foundation, where ambitious youngsters learn the traditional dance form Bharatanatyam. It's a fascinating glimpse into a monastic-like retreat, something akin to a strict spiritual Indian version of Fame Academy.

The relaxed vibe continues back at our base, the city's own Park Hotel, where the pale, bamboo-themed lobby has a more laid-back atmosphere than its bustling counterpart in Delhi.

Amid vast social and cultural changes, the 'new' India provides a totally transforming tourist experience.

FACT FILE: INDIA



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| Time difference | UK plus 4.5 hrs |
| Capital | New Delhi |
| Population | 1.1bn |
| Language | Hindi/English |
| Climate | Tropical |
| Religion | Hindu |
| Currency | Indian Rupee (approx 83 to £1) |

Travel details

- Rachel O'Brien stayed at The Park in New Delhi, where prices start at £172 per night for single, £198 for double occupancy. B&B rates at The Park Chennai start at £135 for single and £148 for a double occupancy.
- For reservations call 0800 055 6817.
- Specialist operators to India include Greaves Travel, which currently offers seven-night packages to Delhi and Chennai, including BA World Traveller economy class flights with Jet Airways flights between Delhi and Chennai, B&B accommodation at Park Hotels, and excursions in air-conditioned cars with guide, from £1,669 per person, based on two sharing.
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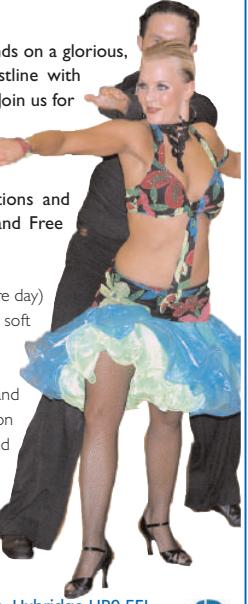
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Labour 'will not scrap targets'

HOUSING and planning minister Caroline Flint has insisted that the Government will not scrap its housing targets which have been set out for the next 12 years.

Her comments, made at the Labour Party conference in Manchester, came as a housing expert warned that the current credit crunch was undermining the target of up to three million new homes by 2020.

Thousands of new homes have been proposed for the county, with the Thames Gateway and Ashford the principal proposed growth areas.

Planners insist fluctuations in the housing market have been factored into calculations.

However, National Housing Federation chief executive David Orr warned the 2020 target could be missed by up to nine years without further Government intervention in the housing market.

Mr Orr claimed that without radical action, only just over half the target is likely to be built by 2020. He calculated that on present showing 1.6 million homes could be built by the end of the next decade.

And he said housing associations could more than double their present building rate, with help from the Government, to make the target more feasible.

Mr Orr said: "With the global credit crunch worsening and conditions getting tougher for all housebuilders, it is time to recognise that the very commendable 2020 target is now almost impossible."

Ms Flint, though, stressed that the original 2020 target remains in place.

She told the party conference: "Sceptics ask me to scrap our target of 240,000 new homes a year – three million more homes by 2020.

"They want us to admit defeat. We won't give up that easily. Labour will build the homes Britain needs."

Signs of life

THE housing market is picking up after the summer, according to Ward and Partners estate agency.

Analysts say that instead of it remaining slow, trade is increasing.

"It's too early to say things are definitely on the up," said regional managing director Lee Crane.

"But Government schemes introduced to help buyers, such as stamp duty reform and low interest loans, have helped. September saw an improvement in sales."

Making sacrifices in pursuit of the dream

■ BY NICK AMES

THE average first-time buyer thinks it will take two years of saving to reach the £19,100 they believe is necessary for a deposit on a home.

The news comes from a survey by the Co-operative Bank and Places for People.

The survey also found that 54 per cent believed renting was "throwing money down the drain".

A large number, 91 per cent, said they were willing to make sacrifices to achieve their homeownership dreams – up considerably from just 57 per cent before the credit crunch kicked in.

The top sacrifice, made by 53 per cent, was stopping eating out, with holidays and weekends away also ruled out for 50 per cent.

And 46 per cent had lowered their expectations when it came to properties they were viewing.

Of these, 49 per cent were willing to do without the luxury of an extra bathroom, followed closely by a veto on garages.

But while 40 per cent were willing to see their outdoor space shrink to secure a sale, 78 per cent of first-timers simply would not entertain the prospect of no garden at all.

Victoria Drummond, operations manager for Ownhome, a shared equity scheme offered by the Co-operative Bank and Places for People, said: "This research shows that the dream of owning a home is now out of reach for many first-time buyers as they struggle to save for a deposit against a backdrop of soaring house-



BANK ON IT: First-time buyers will need to save hard and give up a few of life's little luxuries to get that deposit

hold bills and the increased cost of living.

"As a result, many more people are being entrepreneurial and making sacrifices in a bid to try to claw their way onto the property ladder including cutting down on eating out, holidaying in the UK rather than abroad, and swapping supermarkets to drive down their

food bills.

"It is essential that the Government and the housing industry continue to offer simple, clear and innovative products that provide first-time buyers with the essential financial support needed to help them take their first steps on to the property ladder."

'No evidence' of firms hoarding land

THE Office of Fair Trading has backed the housebuilding industry after accusations that property prices were being affected by developers hoarding land.

The review, which began in June 2007, concluded that the

industry remained broadly competitive, with prices of new-builds having to compete against those of older properties.

The organisation also ruled that there was no clear evidence of any one developer having a continu-

ing market advantage over the rest.

The report concluded: "We have not found any evidence that homebuilders have the ability to anti-competitively hoard land or own a large amount of land with

planning permission on which they have not started to build.

"Apart from the homebuilding firms, the available information suggests that the largest 'landbank' may be that held by the public sector."

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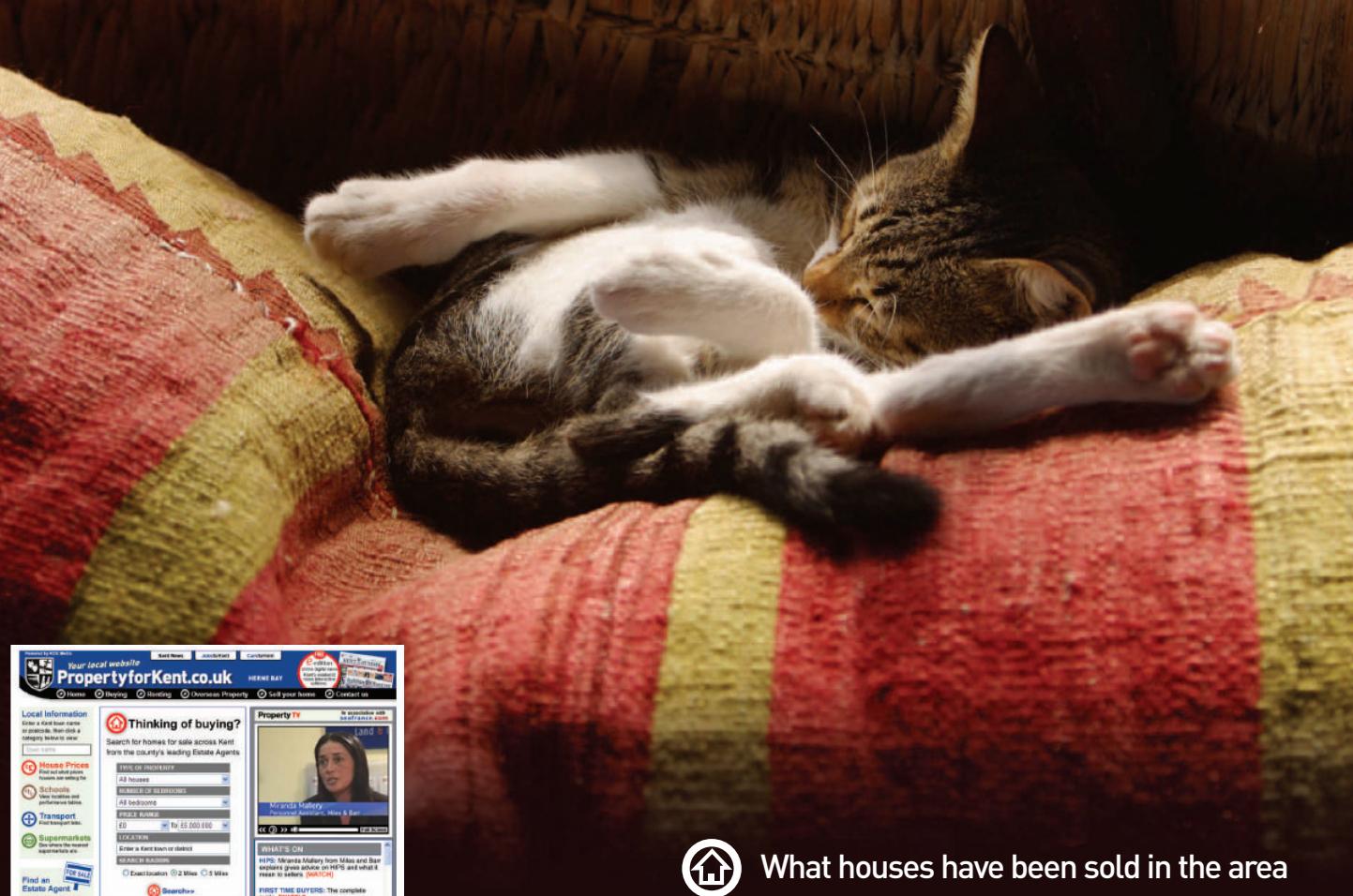


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Dealership does right thing in re-hiring Daniel

MOTORLINE Renault Ashford bosses were wise to re-hire Daniel Peattie – he has sold 14 Renault vans to one customer.

Daniel (pictured left) returned to the Hilton Road dealership after working for his father and landed the order by property maintenance specialists Roalco.

Daniel said: "I would love to take all the credit, but I think it really comes down to the reputation Motorline Renault Ashford has built up over the years."

But Roalco's Graeme Rayner (pictured right) argued: "It was Daniel's customer service which shone through, as he took care of absolutely everything from the sale of the vans to kitting them out."



Simon saddles up to raise money for charity

DUTTON Forshaw Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge parts advisor Simon Cousens used pedal power to raise nearly £200 for the Aspinall Foundation animal conservation charity.

He took part in the Totally Wild Challenge in aid of wild animal parks at Howletts, near Canterbury, and Port Lympne. Simon said: "It was a great way to raise money for a good cause."

His dealership at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, has also supplied two Jeeps and a Dodge to help Aspinall Foundation conservation work.



Wait is almost over to sample joys of Infiniti

NISSAN chiefs must be fuming at global financial woes just as the Japanese marque finalises its UK/European launch of the Infiniti luxury brand.

Infiniti has re-tuned its line-up for this side of the Atlantic, only to find their size and power now out of step with our new downsizing trend. Nevertheless, Infiniti should launch in April and will comprise initially of BMW 3-Series class saloon, coupé and convertible models and two SUVs/crossovers (FX37S pictured).



REGENERATION: The Skoda Octavia still relies on technology from VW – which owns the company – but the Czech manufacturer has clearly put its own thoughts and care into the car

At last a Skoda that's worth boasting about

FINALLY, Skoda's transformation is complete.

The previous Octavia was the first modern Skoda for which owners needn't apologise. Its replacement is the first they can really boast about.

Price is still important, but does not have to be; anyone could buy an Octavia and be happy without counting the pounds saved.

It still relies on technology from VW – Skoda's owner since 1991 – and the superb balance of handling and ride is courtesy of the latest Golf, but the Czech manufacturer clearly put its own thoughts and care into the car.

There is lots of useful stowage, hinged luggage/shopping bag hooks in the boot and a well-arranged dashboard, even if the interior or follows the solid, but rather austere style of its predecessor.

Everything is logically arranged, but doesn't excite and the standard plastic steering wheel feels distinctly unfriendly even if chrome and durable materials appear elsewhere.

Secondly, for a car majoring on boot space – the hatchback can take 560 litres with rear seats in place and a staggering 1,350 when flat

ROAD TEST

SKODA OCTAVIA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating | ★★★★★ |

– split folding seats should be standard, but do not appear on entry level Classic versions.

Nevertheless, equipment is generous overall and I am carping about a car that starts at just £11,145, pitching it mostly against cars in the smaller Ford Focus category rather than bigger Mondeo class.

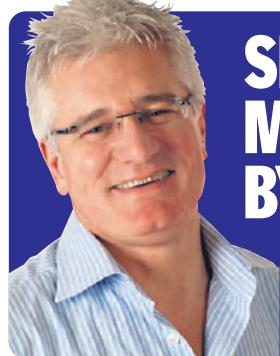
Avoid the asthmatic 75bhp 1.4i Classic entry model anyway; at Skoda prices you would be silly not to go for the VW-derived diesels (from £13,750).

The 105bhp 1.9TDI fitted to our test car or 140bhp 2.0TDI, are refined with lots of punch low down the rev range, allowing the driver to be lazy or sporty with gear changes.

Good news now is that the Octavia is also about to get a midlife makeover so there are good deals on outgoing versions including the hot Octavia vRS hatchback pictured (from £17,900), which gets £1,100 of extra equipment for free.

Apart from the hatchback all-rounder, there is also an estate line-up available with all-wheel drive – a cut-price Audi Avant Quattro – and even a higher-riding Scout 4x4 estate.

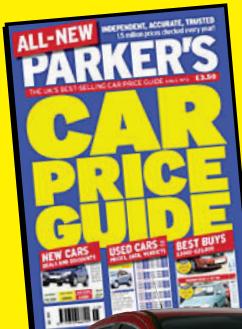
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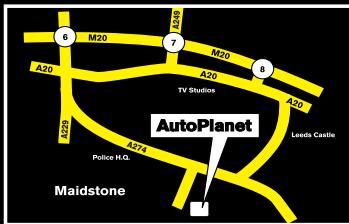
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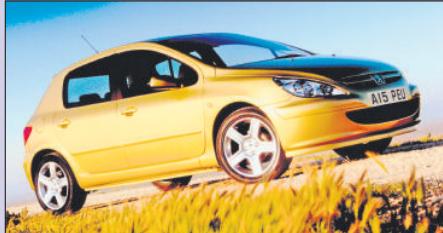
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

PEUGEOT 307



PEUGEOT used to trump its French rivals in this sector, but faces tougher players now. The 307, launched in 2001 and replaced last year, saw Peugeot acknowledge the trend towards MPV styling and gave the 307 a high roofline, while still offering a conventional estate and MPV-like SW alternative. Along with the original three and five-door hatchbacks and a coupé cabriolet with folding metal roof, the 307 has all the bases covered and a fine range of turbodiesel engines.

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Looks and image | ★★★★★ |
| Space | ★★★★★ |
| Value | ★★★★★ |
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| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

CITROËN C4



LIKE Renault, Citroën really needed to pull something special from the hat for its latest family hatch. As a result, the C4 is a far better car than the horribly dull Xsara that it replaced and Citroën has given the five and three-door models a different look each; the former is sleek, futuristic and stylish while the latter is rakish and racy. However, both ride beautifully and share a radical and interesting interior without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroëns.

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| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
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| Reliability | ★★★★★ |
| Quality | ★★★★★ |

RENAULT MEGANE



RENAULT'S second generation Megane arrived in late 2002 and proclaimed that, unlike its predecessor, it would look and stay fresh for the full production run – and it nearly has, with a new car about to arrive. The now famous rear end 'bustle' made the car stand out and buyers flocked to Renault's mid-range model this time around. Apart from a sassy image the Megane offers good diesels, state-of-the-art safety, low running costs and scorching Renaultsport versions.

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A2 SE 5dr, gk02 pec, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, cloth upholstery, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, traction control, air conditioning, climate control, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, alloy wheel, blue, 58000 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd., Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £54950, Martin James Cars, 01795 246700 (TRADE)

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318 SE SALOON, 2002, 02 (02) bmw 318i se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original cd hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price, only £7695, metallic grey 102, 000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, ct 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 246700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTZ 2.0, gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, S 1.2, g5f57px, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £6295, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 1.6, gj05cyh, finished in silver with interior, silver, 33000 miles, £5895, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, 0.8 SE+ Hatchback 5dr 995cc, 56/2006, a/c on radio/rd player electric windows pas abs central locking, metallic blue 14, 000 miles, £4995, Chertsey Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795 246700 (TRADE)

NEON, Le Auto, ex1re, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, adjustable steering column, power steering, twin air bags, colour coded body, cd player, radio, air conditioning, electric mirrors, electric front windows, this vehicle is currently located at our bamehurst branch, for further details or to arrange a viewing please contact 01322 554 784, black, 34000 miles, £1995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd., Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 65/7yc, anti-theft system, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, full leather, electric seats, head restraints, heated seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, abs, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, power hood, air conditioning, cruise control, cd player, radio, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original cd hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price, only £7695, metallic grey 102, 000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 04/2005, 1.9i 16v with cr warranty side door white ps 43,000 miles fsh lined, £4350, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDi Code 5dr, 2008, 2.2 hdci 5dr 5 estate special edition, grey, 1000 miles, £21995, Wilmot's Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

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SAXO, 1.6i 16v TTS Hatchback 3d 1587cc (2000), 03, met blue, miles, £3995, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

FIAT

FIAT DUCATO 14-2.3 jtd, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rohrl in trixe 40,000 miles with rac warranty tailift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £6995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

BRAVO 100 SX, 2001 "v", a medium sized car with a 1.6 engine, pas c/f/clock & tach, very reliable, a 3 month old car, £1995, 01495, Courtesy Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 275795 (TRADE)

FORD

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For an informal discussion or a visit to the school please contact Ray Hughes on telephone number 01233 634171 ex 215. Applications are by CV and covering letter by email on admin@towers.kent.sch.uk, fax on 01233 628326 or post. Please mark for the attention of Mrs Kyla Weeden. All applications should be received by Monday, 13th October 2008.

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Please contact Jennifer Spooner on direct telephone no: 01843 598550 or email to address above.

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Location: Ashford

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Closing date: 9/10/08

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Community Nurse - District Nursing

Salary: Band 5 £20,225 to £26,123 pa

Location: Margate

Hours: 30

Ref: 767-EIC499

Closing date: 16/10/08

Community Nurse - District Nursing

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Location: QVMH, Herne Bay

Hours: 9.5

Ref: 767-ASH088

Closing date: 10/10/08

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Location: County Hall, Maidstone

Hours: 37.5

Ref: 767-ECC513

Closing date: 15/10/08

Children's Primary Mental Health Worker

Salary: Band 6 £24,103 to £32,653 pa

Location: Drapers Mills School, Ramsgate

Hours: 22.5

Ref: 767-ECC501

Closing date: 20/10/08

Community Cardiac Support Worker

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A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the Redfern Partnership, Redfern House, 29 Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EH, during the two business days preceding the date of the meeting.

Dated 30 September 2008

By Order of the Board

Michael Arnold, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
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Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company that is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before 7 November 2008 to send to the liquidators, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, the Joint Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Joint Liquidator, are permitted to sue their creditors to realize their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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Apprenticeships for accountancy staff

TRAINING company BPP Professional Education is offering apprenticeship courses in Association of Accounting Technician qualifications at 13 of its training centres across the UK.

This follows it getting funding from the Learning and Skills Council. It will offer two qualifications under the scheme, accountancy and payroll, but only the payroll courses will be offered in Kent, at its Maidstone centre.

To be eligible students must be aged between 16-24 years, although some centres offer funding for over 25s.

Students must be working in a full-time accountancy or payroll related role, be able to attend a BPP classroom course if taking the accountancy qualification and must not be a graduate.

Talk on UK economy

David Frost, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), will be addressing the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

It takes place on October 10 at Ashford Business Point, the chamber's head office.

Mr Frost will speak on the subject of "The outlook for the UK economy and the actions the BCC is taking to promote the interests of the business community".

The BCC, Kent Invicta Chamber and other BCC accredited chambers are shortly to launch a Business-Network-Online Service.

This will be an exclusive online networking and trading portal from the chamber network – connecting businesses to the Ultimate Business Network on a local, regional and national level.

Climate change awards

KENT small businesses with big ideas to tackle climate change are being urged to compete for awards of up to £40,000 each through the Shell Springboard programme which is in its fourth year.

Up to six awards of between £20,000 and £40,000 are on offer in each of three UK regions, and one of them is southern England and East Anglia.

Last year awards of £40,000 were made to five businesses from across the UK. The deadline for entries is November 7.

Full details and an online application form can be found at www.shellspringboard.org.

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IDENTITY FRAUD: Survey highlighted number of people who have lost mobile phones and other hand-held devices containing important information such as bank account details

Keep vital details in palm of your hand

HIGH-tech users are being warned not to put personal data on phones and laptops after research found that an incredible 60,000 hand-held devices had been left in the back of black cabs in the last six months alone.

ID fraud expert Equifax, which has a number of Kent customers, said that the initial inconvenience of being without your phone is one thing, but there are much more serious implications.

"Unfortunately, our mobiles and BlackBerrys have become the equivalent of our address books," said Neil Munroe, external affairs director.

"And what that means if we lose them is

■ BY TONY PATEY

that we lose a lot of valuable information that could be used by fraudsters to steal our identity."

A survey conducted by the firm among customers in April revealed that 16 per cent put PIN numbers on their mobile devices while 24 per cent recorded birthday dates.

And an amazing half said they stored bank details on laptops, mobiles and BlackBerrys.

"The advent of chip and PIN and an increased focus on electronic security mean that more passwords and PINs need to be remembered than ever before," said Mr Munroe. "But that can be a challenge, especially if you have several bank accounts and credit cards."

"Consumers really must not store those

numbers and passwords on their mobiles or BlackBerrys. Fraudsters are very clever and can quickly go through an address book to spot the number that clearly isn't a telephone number."

"While most people now recognise the importance of securing their laptops, many don't do the same for their mobile phones or other hand-held equipment.

"All should be password-protected and users should avoid storing key personal information on them. The moral of the story is don't put it on there if you don't have to."

The firm advises applying for a copy of your credit file to look out for any unauthorised activity, shredding statements bills and direct mail which contains personal information, redirecting mail if you move, and always checking bank statements and credit card statements carefully against receipts.

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Camier hoping for grand finale with a Brands win



LAST LAP: Leon Camier wants to finish his season with a flourish in front of his home fans

Barham in danger of losing Tour card

BENN Barham will be hoping for a return of form as he takes part in the Madrid Masters this week.

The European Tour golfer had to suffer the disappointment of missing the cut at the British Masters at The Belfry followed by a 164th-place finish at the Dunhill Links Championship last week.

Barham struggled with the challenge of three rounds on different courses, including Royal St Andrews, and finished 22 shots behind eventual winner Robert Karlsson.

The 33-year-old is in need of a strong result to finish in the top 117 in the Order of Merit to secure his Tour card for next season.

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 Ebbsfleet's Liam Daish gives his reaction to Monday night's game against Histon

Result is bad news

ASHFORD RFC have slipped to fifth place in Kent 1 after a heavy defeat at the hands of Old Gravesendians.

Ashford were unable to deal with the clinical attacking rugby from the Gravesend-based side who posted a 34-12 victory.

The result has seen Ashford lose ground on the leading pack in Kent 1 after their second defeat of the season.

Ashford will hope to bounce back when they take on Sittingbourne at Kinney's Field on Saturday.

Sittingbourne will go into the match confident after they won their second game in a row following an 18-10 win against Dartfordians at the weekend.

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LEON Camier is hoping to wrap up a successful season in style with a victory at Brands Hatch in the final round of the British Superbike Championship.

Although Airwaves Ducati team-mate Shane Byrne has taken all the headlines by securing his second British Superbike title last time out at Silverstone, Camier has impressed with three victories in only his second season in the series.

With the championship finishing this weekend, Camier is desperate to make it four wins for the season and move into the top-four in the final rider standings.

He said: "The season has been

SUPERBIKES

great considering the injuries I had to come back from.

"It is always good to be winning. I have had my fair share of bad luck but I hope I can build on this. It would cap my season off to win at my home circuit.

"I will be doing my utmost to do so."

Camier will remember June 15 for the rest of his career as on a cold and wet Sunday, the 21-year-old clinched his maiden victory by beating team-mate Byrne in a dramatic race at

Snetterton.

He believes his riding has improved since the win, but feels there is more to come.

He said: "The feeling at Snetterton was awesome.

"As a rider you always want to get your first win under your belt and I feel I have improved because of it.

"The race was dramatic too.

"Shakey and me traded first place on the last lap, but to take the chequered flag was mega."

Since then Camier has picked up wins at Croft and Silverstone but the win at Brands Hatch this Sunday is what he craves for the most.



Picture: ADY KERRY

DEFENCE: Lisa Dobriskey impressed with a stunning sprint finish to retain her Great North Run Mile title to mark the end of a season which saw her make her Olympic debut

Dobriskey retains her title to end season on high note

DESPITE suffering from a cold, Lisa Dobriskey retained her Great North Run mile title with a storming sprint finish in her final event of the season.

The Ashford athlete, who won the prestigious Fifth Avenue New York mile last month, came through to clinch the win in the last 300 metres ahead of Ukrainian Anna Mischenko and Slovenia's Sonia Roman.

Dobriskey retained her title by a slim margin of 0.7 seconds in the wet conditions at Newcastle and Gateshead quay sides, posting a time of four minutes 37.8 seconds.

The 24-year-old was delighted to retain her title in one of her favourite events, but is looking forward to a well-earned rest from her hard Olympic season.

She told Yourashford: "It was the perfect way

ATHLETICS

■ BY TOM HOWARD

to end the season and now I can have a rest which will be nice. It was such a horrible day, but I came through it and I really wanted to win so I was glad when I crossed the line.

Despair

"I came down with a cold after the New York mile which didn't help my preparation. I think it was due to all the travelling I have been doing. I think it was my body's way of telling me I need a rest and to let go."

The year has been a roller-coaster for the 1,500m runner, who has dealt with the joys of qualifying for the Olympics and the despair of finishing fourth and missing out on a medal in

the 1,500m final in Beijing in August.

Dobriskey described this season as her breakthrough year as an athlete.

She will resume training after a two-week break, where she hopes to catch up with family and friends.

She added: "It has been a long and tough season. When you are training twice a week it can be very hard to organise your life around it."

"You have to plan around training and it means you can become quite unsociable so I am looking forward to seeing some of my friends."

The 1,500m Commonwealth champion, who began her athletic career at Ashford Athletics Club, will return to the Julie Rose Stadium to start the Givaudan 10k race this Sunday.

As for next season, Dobriskey is targeting a medal from the World Athletic Championships in Berlin next August.

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Lovell rues mistakes by his 'entertainers'



EXPOSED: Ashford Town goalkeeper Jamie Riley received little protection as he conceded five goals on Saturday

FOOTBALL

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Great Wakering Rovers 5

Ashford starting XI



Subs used: Doerr (Hockey 65mins) Glyde (Hogg 70)

DEFENSIVE errors cost Ashford Town dearly as they crashed out of the FA Trophy at the first hurdle to Great Wakering Rovers.

Claude Seanla took his tally to four goals in two games with another brace, but it did little to mask a dreadful display at the back.

Nuts and Bolts boss Steve Lovell was left ruining the mistakes, which he felt robbed his side of victory.

He said: "It did not go our way at all. We seem to be a very entertaining side this season. We are always likely to score goals, but the results are not going our way."

"We just made too many defensive errors and it cost us the game. I thought we were the better side on the whole."

The Essex hosts, who play in the Ryman North, were 2-0 up inside 20 minutes as striker Neil Richmond scored the first two of his four goals.

Seanla, who scored twice on his debut in last week's 3-2 defeat against Chipstead, reduced the deficit just before the break to briefly give Ashford hope.

The interval did little to change the pattern of the match and Great Wakering again exposed the Town defence when Richmond pounced for his hat-trick on 47 minutes.

The game was effectively ended with 20 minutes to go as a weak clearance fell to Richmond, who made it 4-1.

A second goal from Seanla and one from Andy Doerr reduced the deficit late on, sandwiching Great Wakering's fifth strike.

Lovell praised his new signing from the Ivory Coast, who was recommended by Tonbridge Angels manager Tommy Warrilow.

The Town boss said: "Claude has done very well. I mean, he has scored four times in just two games, I cannot ask for much more than that."

"It must be quite frustrating for him though as he has scored so many goals and still has not ended up on the winning side."

"There is still a lot more to come from him which can only be good for us."

After conceding eight goals in two games, Lovell will be hoping for an improved defensive display when his side travel to second-placed Cray Wanderers on Saturday.

GOLF



DREAM START: Liam Harper helped England to a win

Harper's England debut is bad news for Auld Enemy

AMATEUR golfer Liam Harper capped an impressive international debut by winning his singles match in England's win against Scotland at South Staffordshire Golf Club on Sunday.

The talented 15-year-old was called up to the England Under-16s squad after impressing selectors by becoming the youngest player to play for his county's senior side earlier this year.

Harper did not let the selectors down by beating Liam Johnston 3&1 in his single match helping England to an 8-2 overall victory.

His victory against Johnston was his only game in the competition after Saturday's foursomes were cancelled due to heavy rain.

Harper, who is a member at Lydd Golf Club, only started playing golf at the age of 11.

Club secretary Keith Osbourne has watched Harper's game progress and was delighted he has made the England team.

Osbourne said: "I am chuffed to bits that he has made it into the squad. He has been working really hard on his game while playing at Lydd, and for the county."

"Liam deserves the opportunity to play for England after a fantastic season. He is a great lad and a credit to the club."

"It is a lot of pressure to have on his shoulders especially with the expectation to do well. I think he will cope with it well."

Harper, who is also the Kent Under-16 captain, boasts a handicap of +2 which is very low for his age. Playing at the course that produced European Tour golfer Benn Barham, Osbourne hopes the Lydd Golf Club can find another top golfer in Harper.

He said: "His handicap for his age is extraordinary. We have high hopes for him and he can go on to bigger and better things. Benn Barham started playing golf here and we always track his progress so we just hope Liam can follow in his footsteps one day."

Harper will be looking to continue his form as part of the England team to take on Ireland at Bury St Edmunds next month.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

| | P | W | D | L | Gd | Pt |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Kingstonian | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | +16 | 23 |
| 2 Cray Wanderers | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | +7 | 20 |
| 3 Folkestone Invicta | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | +7 | 20 |
| 4 Walton & Hersham | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | +2 | 17 |
| 5 Sittingbourne | 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | -1 | 16 |
| 6 Ashford Town | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | +7 | 15 |
| 7 Met Police | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | +4 | 14 |
| 8 Godalming Town | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | +6 | 13 |
| 9 Merstham | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| 10 Eastbourne Town | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | +1 | 12 |
| 11 Walton Casuals | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | -4 | 12 |
| 12 Leatherhead | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | -5 | 12 |
| 13 Burgess Hill Town | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | +4 | 11 |
| 14 Dulwich Hamlet | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | +2 | 11 |
| 15 Fleet Town | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | -1 | 10 |
| 16 Whyteleafe | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | -1 | 10 |
| 17 Chipstead | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | -5 | 10 |
| 18 Worthing | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 | -4 | 9 |
| 19 Croydon Athletic | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | -5 | 7 |
| 20 Whitstable Town | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | -15 | 7 |
| 21 Crowborough Ath | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | -5 | 6 |
| 22 Corinthian Casuals | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | -10 | 5 |

FIXTURES

Table excludes last night's matches.

Saturday, October 11: Ryman Division One South - Cray Wanderers v Ashford Town

Prince Albert cause an upset as league's big guns net for fun

SUNDAY LEAGUE

THE Ashford Charity Trophy got underway on Sunday with Prince Albert causing the shock of the round by knocking out Burton Grove in a seven-goal thriller.

The Division Four side won a dramatic tie 4-3 thanks to a Gary Kerry brace and one each from Terry Cairmy and Dave Billett, sending their Division Three opponents crashing out.

Ashford Victoria also caused an upset, beating the Albion 5-1. Darryl George scored a hat-trick, with Adam George and Wayne Cleave also getting on the scoresheet to underline an emphatic victory.

Elsewhere the big names all progressed.

Premier Division side Aldington made light work of Division Four outfit Ruckinge United, sweeping them aside 11-0. Stuart Daniel enjoyed a profitable afternoon's work by plundering five goals.

Bethersden cruised to an 8-0 lead at half-time against Grasshoppers, although the underdogs could draw some consolation from drawing the second half in a 10-2 defeat. Dave Law top scored with four goals.

Ricky Delaney was also in the goals, but his hat-trick for Red Heathens was entirely in vain as they were crushed 12-3 by Blaby.

Steve Ward inspired Kennington to victory against Galacticos by notching four in a 5-3 win, while Market Hotel beat fellow top-flight side Ashford Cavaliers 4-0.

An own goal took The Locomotive Inn through as they beat Ashford Eagles 3-2. Mersham also prevailed in a tight match as they came from behind to beat Appledore 2-1.

In the Junior Trophy, Brewmaster Reserves thumped Tonbridge Hornets 8-1.



ON A CUP RUN: Kennington scored five to knock out Galacticos on Sunday in the Ashford Charity Trophy

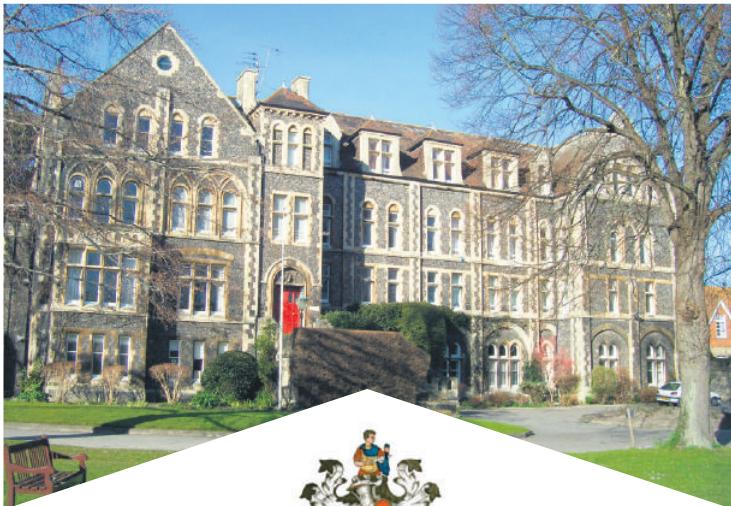
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Gills manager Mark Stimson on the impact of new signing Andy Barham



Dover COLLEGE

co-educational school for children aged 4-18



DOVER COLLEGE is an independent day and boarding school for girls and boys aged 3 to 18 years old. The school is dynamic and small enough – 350 pupils – to provide a disciplined and caring environment with small class sizes giving pupils the opportunity to develop their confidence and individual talents within a friendly community.

Pupils benefit enormously from the excellent teaching they receive and the breadth of education on offer. They leave the school with qualifications, social skills and experience needed to face the future with confidence.

Most day pupils live within a 25-mile radius to Dover College and the dedicated

transport service operates in the Ashford, Bridge, Deal, Folkestone, Hawkinge and Sandwich areas. Boarders come from further a field in the UK as well as Continental Europe and the rest of the world. This international dimension gives the pupils a taste of the “real” world and a high degree of tolerance and understanding in all year groups.

Pupils are taught essential traditional values such as courtesy, good behaviour, respect for themselves and others... skills which make a noticeable difference in a person’s life.

INFANTS AND JUNIORS can enter the newly created Pre-Reception class from the age of 3, therefore giving a younger generation the same opportunities as the

existing 4 to 11 year olds. Being OFSTED registered enables parents to apply for the Early Years vouchers, a government scheme offering a number of free sessions each term before their children reach their 5th birthday. Pupils are taught the expected Literacy, Numeracy, ICT and Science, as well as a wide range of other subjects. Specialist teachers deliver Music lessons from Pre-Reception, French from Year 1 and Spanish from Year 5.

Infant and Junior Department pupils are integrated into Dover College, as appropriate, and take a full part in the life of the school on a regular basis. They benefit from having access to all facilities, including the Astroturf, Playing Fields, Sports Hall, ICT Centre, Music School and Dance Studio. The homemade healthy food served to all pupils in the 12th Century Harry Potter style Refectory is all part of the healthy ethos the school believes in. The hugely successful yearly inter-school cross country event where over 600 runners take part-in, each March, is proof of the commitment Dover College as a Charity involves the local community.

Most of the pupils choose to join the Senior School in Year 7 at the age of 11, and the excellent academic curriculum enables pupils to prepare for the Kent Test. This year, once again, most pupils who were successful gaining entry into a Grammar School elected to move up to year 7 in the Senior School.



THE SIXTH FORM has a highly flexible curriculum and pupils generally choose four subjects to study at AS level in the Lower Sixth Form and three at A2 level in the Upper Sixth Form. There are over 20 subjects to choose from, including a PE BTech equivalent to two A Levels. The broad-based provision of subjects is tailored to meet the needs and aspirations of the broad mix of pupils within the school.

A dedicated Careers Officer, based in the Learning Resource Centre, gives sound and sensible careers advice. 98% of pupils go on to Higher Education but when appropriate, pupils are encouraged to enter the world of employment, directly from school.

EXAM RESULTS AND UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS: A level pupils achieved 100% pass rate with 54% A-B grades, achieving a great deal better than a number of local Grammar Schools. Universities attended include the London School of Economics, Edinburgh and Surrey to name but a few.

Extra Curricular Activities form an integral part of the life at Dover College. Designed to foster self-confidence and develop leadership skills, pupils excel in sport, music, drama and art. Yearly events such as drama performances and Cross Country races, where local primary schools are invited to take part, are popular with both Dover College pupils and the local children.

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